

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

January 1, 2004 to March 31, 2004

Filed: April 10, 2004

**Submitted by:
Nancy Shull
Program Assistant**

Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 1/14/04, 2/11/04, & 3/10/04	22:00 CONTENT
YOUNG, GIFTED, & BLACK	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	SATURDAY, 2/21/04	22:00 CONTENT

WJAC-TV

PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DR. PHIL – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

DATELINE – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Wednesday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

YOUNG, GIFTED, AND BLACK – A locally produced single episode special program that profiled the accomplishments of African Americans from the local area.. The show addressed the discrimination barriers that were overcome in order to succeed. It followed a documentary format. The show aired Saturday, February 21, 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
JANUARY, FEBRUARY, & MARCH 2004

1. PRISON, CRIMES & LAW ISSUES
2. COLLEGE PROBLEMS & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES
3. HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES
4. DRUG ABUSE ISSUES
5. CONSUMER ISSUES
6. ELECTION ISSUES
7. BUDGETARY PROBLEMS 7 OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUES
8. I-99 POLLUTION PROBLEMS & OTHER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES
9. SAFETY ISSUES
10. JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS
ISSUES
11. SENIOR CITIZENS' ISSUES
12. TEEN ISSUES
13. WOMEN'S HEALTH & OTHER WOMEN'S ISSUES
14. GAY MARRIAGE & OTHER FAMILY ISSUES
15. I-80 PILEUP & OTHER ROADS, PARKING, & TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
16. DIVERSITY ISSUES

*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

Public Service Announcement Listing 1st Quarter 2004 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Description	Length
ISSUE: CRIME / LAW			
"IDENTITY THEFT"	U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE	JERRY ORBACH – ON IDENTITY THEFT	:15
ISSUE: EDUCATION			
"RURAL"	NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY LITERACY	RURAL FAMILIES VIDEO UNDER MUSIC – THE ONLY WAY TO GET OUT IS TO GO IN	:30
"LOCKER"	FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER LIFE	POPULAR BOY DUMBS NERDS BOOKS... ANOTHER POPULAR BOY HELPS HIM OUT	:30 :10
ISSUE: HEALTH			
"KIDS/ MINORITIES"	PENN STATE ANTI SMOKING	SMOKING TARGETS KIDS/MINORITIES	:30
"LOOKS GLAMOROUS"	PENN STATE ANTI SMOKING	ISN'T AS GLAMOROUS AS YOU THINK	:15
"CROSSWALK"	NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION	DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY – SAYS HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN CLEAN – RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE	:30 :15
"SUBTITLES"	NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION	MAN AFTER REHAB – WHAT PEOPLE SAY AND WHAT THEY REALLY MEAN – HIS LITTLE GIRL IS PROUD OF HIM	:30
"ALWAYS GIVE HUGS"	CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL	PEDIATRICIAN/MOM – KNOW WHEN ANTIBIOTICS HELP AND WHEN THEY DON'T	:30
"WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE"	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM – THEY CAN HELP	:60 :30 :15
"SMALL GESTURES"	SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF PA	SUPPORT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS	:30
ISSUE: DRUG ABUSE			
"CORONER MOSAIC"	DRUG FREE PA	MOSAIC OF A TEEN WHO DIED SERVES AS A BACKDROP FOR CORONER WHO EXAMINES HER	:10 :30
"JIM"	DRUG FREE PA	FATHER OF A TEEN TELLS WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT HIS SON'S ADDICTION	:10
"HEROIN FLATLINE"	DRUG FREE PA	SHOWS HOW HEROIN CAN BE FATAL	:30
ISSUE: JOBS / ECONOMY / BUSINESS			

"SHELTER"	BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA	THEY HELP LOW INCOME FAMILIES WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING	:30
"PRICELESS RESOURCES"	USDA	COUPLE CHECKING OUT AT GROCERY STORE – SUPPORT FARMERS WHO CARE FOR OUR PRICELESS NATURAL RESOURCES.	:30
ISSUE: GOVERNMENT			
"USERRA"	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	SECRETARY OF LABOR, ELAINE CHOW, TALKING ABOUT OUR ARMED FORCES RETURNING AND HOW YOU MUST HIRE THEM BACK	:30
"LENNY MOORE 2"	THE SECOND MILE	LENNY MORE TALKING ABOUT WHAT SECOND MILE DOES	:30
ISSUE: WOMEN'S ISSUES			
"TAKE THE PLEDGE" GENERIC	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VIOLENCE	VARIOUS MALE MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION – BOTH FAMOUS AND NOT – SAYING THAT WILL NOT HURT WOMEN	:30 :15
"NEWS OF SMALL BUSINESSES"	CONSUMER SCIENCES	HOW WOMEN CAN START HOME BASED BUSINESSES	:30
ISSUE: SENIOR'S ISSUES			
"DON'T PLAY WITH YOUR MONEY"	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	OLDER PEOPLE SHOULD DIRECT DEPOSIT THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, ETC.	:30

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES JANUARY

1/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

REDUCING POLICE HOURS

The Conemaugh Township supervisors decided to reduce 4 police officers from full-time to part-time. It's a decision that is angering local residents and business owners. Mark Allen reports.

1:57 - Package

John Todaro - Conemaugh Township Police Department

Dave Hart - Commissioner

All Zuccolotto - Former Supervisor

1/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CHURCH SEX ABUSE

An audit of the Catholic Church following the clergy sex abuse scandals of the past years shows that 90 percent of parishes are implementing guidelines to help protect children from sexual abuse by priests. The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, where there have been charges against several priests, says they are in full compliance with the new national charter.

1:02 - SOT/VO

Sister Mary Parks - Altoona Johnstown Diocese

1/8/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

LOOKING FOR CONTRABAND

Rockview State Prison has been under a lockdown for the past 2 days as officials look for contraband after an illegal substance was found at the Centre County Prison.

:28 - VO

1/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

MUSIC SERVICE STARTING

Illegal downloading of music had been a real problem on college campuses. But at Penn State, that may change thanks to a revolutionary music service that started today. Now downloading songs from Napster will cost students just 99 cents per song. Regina Miller reports.

1:47 - Package

Jason Swiech - PSU Junior

Graham Spanier - PSU President

Leann Frola - PSU Student

1/13/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

DUI CHANGES

Police officers and people who work in the court system took part in a DUI information class in Johnstown today to learn about the new stiffer penalties for those caught driving drunk. They will be based on the offender's blood alcohol level.

:42 - SOT/VO

Michael Hanik, Jr. - Law Enforcement Education

1/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PRISON QUESTIONS

After a decade of debate and work finally getting started last week, there's a new controversy about staffing for the new Centre County Prison. The new Commissioners are questioning the need for a transition team to help move from the old to the new prison. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:05 - Package

Terry McClellan - Transition Team

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES JANUARY

1/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SERRANO DEATH HEARING

More than 20 people testified about what happened the night Peter Serrano died in downtown State College after a bar scuffle with bouncers. Much of the testimony was conflicting.

1:06 – SOT/VO

Karen Muir – Rosengrants Attorney

1/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

STATE COLLEGE / STREET LIGHTS

A recent increase in late-night assaults in State College has prompted a call for more lighting and the repair of some of the already existing streetlights. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Tom King – State College Police Chief

1/29/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

HOME INVASION

It has finally happened here in Johnstown; two men posing as water inspectors targeting local homes to steal money. Katie Collett reports on what happened and how the scam works.

1:54 – Package

Dan Charney – Scam survivor

Lois Charney – Scam survivor

1/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

MURDER APPEAL

Ernie Simmons was convicted of brutally murdering an elderly Johnstown woman more than a decade ago. Now he is up for his third appeal, and the victim's family is afraid that he'll somehow get out of prison. Mark Allen reports.

1:28 – Package

Pete Knaze – Victim's son

1/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

HOME INVASION SCAM

A home invasion scam where the crooks pose as water company inspectors has hit Somerset, Johnstown, and Tyrone. Authorities are warning residents to be careful whom you let in your homes. Katie Collett reports.

1:32 – Package

Lois Charney – Scam survivor

1/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Pam Kane

DUI LAW – PHASE 2

Phase 2 of the new DUI law goes into effect this Sunday. Phase 1 lowered the blood alcohol limit to be declared intoxicated. Now phase 2 will make it easier for police to pull you over and get a court conviction. Pam Kane reports.

Ray Gricar – Centre County D.A.

NBC – PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES JANUARY

Nightly News

Thursday, January 15

Music Downloads

Correspondent: Jim Avila

A report on the decline in illegal music downloads from the Internet and how more and more people are getting their music from legal download sites.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/4/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CARS TAGGED & TOWED

Those communities who have issued snow emergency status are very serious about towing those who do not comply with parking regulations.

:47 - SOT/VO

Chief Jeff Ketner - Hollidaysburg Police

2/5/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

LOTTERY SCAM

A new scam is circulating in the area that promises you win 7 million dollars if you just provide your bank account number.

:39 - SOT/VO

Barry Creaney - Attorney General's Office

2/6/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

DUI ARRESTS INCREASE

Stiffer penalties for driving drunk have had no impact of the increasing number of arrests for that crime in State College.

:42 - SOT/VO

Chief Tom King - State College Police

2/9/04, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

ILLEGAL PARKING

People continue to ignore snow-cleaning ordinances and are not moving their cars for plowing. If there were an emergency in a place that hasn't been plowed and cars are blocking the street, it could result in a disaster. So police are strictly ticketing violators. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:01 - Package

Chief Craig Foust - Johnstown Police Department

2/10/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

WINDOWS SHOT OUT

A toy gun is being used in a string of vandalisms that are costing money. A b-b gun is being used to shoot out windows in cars and businesses.

:30 - VO

2/10/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Bridgette Langmade

CYBER TIPLINE

There is a new internet tool designed to crackdown on kids-related crimes. It is getting a record number reports about alleged crimes. It's the cyber tip line. Bridgette Langmade reports.

1:00 - Package

Michelle Collins - Missing & Exploited Kids

2/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LEIDY VS TOUR DE TOONA

There was not enough evidence to file charges against Kirk Leidy, the former director of the Tour De Toona, for misusing money. But now he is suing several people associated with the race for defamation of character. How will this affect the event?

:57 - SOT/VO

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/11/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

ALCOHOL MARKETING ISSUES

A new survey shows the State Liquor Stores are racking up record sales. But the president of the union for State Store employees says the sales are actually hurting areas like State College, where alcohol-related crimes are on the rise.

:34 - VO

2/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

DO NOT CALL VIOLATION

One local business is headed to court because they ignored the do-not-call list. Solar-Therm Remodeling Company is accused of contacting about 20 people on the list, trying to sell them home improvements.

:40 - VO

2/12/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PRISON NOT EXPANDING

Due to the tight county budget, the Cambria County Prison Board has decided not to add 50 more beds.

:25 - VO

2/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

EXCONS IN NURSING HOMES

New guidelines set by the State Supreme Court allows ex-cons to take care of elderly patients in nursing homes. If an applicant with a criminal background is denied a job, it is possible that a discrimination suit could be filed. Natasha McBroom reports.

:50 - Package

Dr. Jack Spayde - Valley View Home

2/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

IS STATE COLLEGE DANGEROUS?

Are recent crime reports in State College, especially the increase in assaults, cause for concern, or are they simply signs of a growing population? Is it a growing problem or just a perception. Gary Sinderson investigates.

:47 - Package

Chief Tom King - State College Police

2/16/04, 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SAFE DRIVING CHECKPOINTS

State Police set up a safe driving checkpoint in Somerset County to make sure drivers are aware of the need for proper documentation, like license, registration, and insurance cards, and that they are wearing their seat belts.

:40 - SOT/VO

Corporal William Link - PA State Police

2/18/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MORE STREET LIGHTING / STATE COLLEGE

State College will be getting more street lighting soon as a result of calls by students and community groups for more security. That is due to the recent increases in downtown assaults.

:44 - SOT/VO

Mark Whitfield - State College Public Works

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/19/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ARMED ROBBERIES

Altoona has been hit with a string of armed robberies, and police are warning merchants to watch their customers or anyone hanging around their stores.

:34 – SOT/VO

Lt. Mike Lowrey – Altoona Police

2/19/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

MORE SECURITY

More tax dollars are being spent in Centre County to better protect government office buildings. New hi-tech surveillance and keypad entry are just a few of the new methods being employed. Gary Sinderson reports on security in an era of terrorism.

1:12 – Package

Denny Nau – Centre County Sheriff

2/23/04, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

ROSENGRANT HEARING

Two brothers working as bar bouncers were in court today in a controversial case, trying to get charges dismissed for using excess force in the death of a bar patron. Gary Sinderson reports.

:55 – Package

Karen Muir – Rosengrant's Attorney

2/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

COP CAR & BUS

Can a police car responding to an emergency situation pass a school bus with its lights flashing while it is unloading children? That situation occurred in South Fork twice last week, and bus drivers say children are in danger. Katie Collett reports.

1:32 – Package

Arthur Boring, Jr. – Ferndale Police Dept.

2/24/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

SHERIFFS' POWERS

Sheriffs across the state are involved in a legal dispute regarding their law enforcement powers. Wiretaps are a prime concern with the increased emphasis on homeland security. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Denny Nau – Centre County Sheriff

2/25/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

DIFFERENT SAFETY MANUALS

PennDOT will make changes in its training manual for bus drivers after it discovered that the manual contradicted the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code followed by police officers. The incident involved a police car passing a school bus whose red lights were flashing. Katie Collett reports.

1:06 – Package

William McLucas – Bus driver

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/26/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

PFA EFFECTIVENESS

In yesterday's murder, the victim had filed a protection-from-abuse order against the alleged murderer. But officials say that sometimes-violent people don't care what the law has to say. To them it's just a piece of paper. Natasha McBroom reports on how effective or ineffective PFA's can be.

1:07 – Package

chief Ron Heller – Logan Township Police

Marlene Mock – Family Services

2/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Police in State College say they are trying to attack the growing problem of underage drinking. But many say the police effort is excessive and they feel targeted by law enforcement. What's the best way to deal with the problem? Gary Sinderson reports.

:51 – Package

Julie Devaney – Penn State student

2/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

SEXUAL ABUSE / CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sexual abuse in the Catholic Church is not just a national problem. It had devastating affects in our area involving 16 priests and 37 victims. Why were so many children abused for more than half a century? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:19 – Package

Bishop Joseph Adamec – Altoona- Johnstown Diocese

NBC – CRIME ISSUES FEBRUARY

Nightly News

Friday, FEBRUARY 27

A new reports details the staggering extent of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. How are former victims reacting to the new information.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES MARCH

3/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

MORE SECURITY CAMERAS

Last year, when they were first installed, security cameras generated a lot of controversy. Now, in light of a growing number of assaults in downtown State College, one Borough official is calling for more cameras/ Gary Sinderson reports.

1:15 – Package

Bill Welch – State College Mayor

Ian Rosenberger – PSU USC President

3/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PROF. RESPONSIBILITY POS.

A new position called the Deputy Commissioner of Professional Responsibility has been created in the State Police ranks as a result of some serious misconduct issues.

:25 –VO

3/4/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CUBAN DETAINEES

Cuban refugees being held in the Bedford County Prison are generating a lot of revenue for the jail. The federal government picks up the tab and just one full month of billing will pay for the newly constructed wing where they are housed.

:45 – SOT/VO

Gordan Diehl – Bedford County Sheriff

3/8/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

SCHOOL BUS VS POLICE CAR

There has been an on-going debate over whether police cars can pass school buses unloading children. PennDOT says they'll change the bus drivers manual to say that police cars may pass the buses, but many say that's wrong. Katie Colett reports.

1:07 – Package

Pat Hillegas – Hillegas Bus Company

3/11/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

MORE SINKHOLES AT PRISON CONSTRUCTION

Despite running into more sinkholes, construction at the Centre County Prison site is being stepped up. The delays are due in the most part to weather.

:45 – SOT/VO

Dave Immel – Prison Transition Team

3/11/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Scott Budman

IDENTITY THEFT & DRUGS

The newest way thieves are stealing identities is to steal mail. Drug addicts are taking mail that has account numbers and selling it to identity theft rings. Scott Budman reports.

2:24 – Package

Trish Bayer – Mail theft victim

Bob Sullivan – MSNBC.com

3/12/04, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CHANGES / EM. VEHICLES & BUSSES

State Sen. John Wozniak is trying to persuade PennDOT to change the motor vehicle code to make emergency vehicles stop for school buses who are loading or unloading children.

:52 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES MARCH

3/12/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PHARMACY SCAM

Thirteen major pharmaceutical companies are accused of inflating prices in Pennsylvania in a scheme thought to have cost the government, insurance companies, and consumers hundreds of millions of dollars. Now the State Attorney General is suing.

:45 – Live

Jerry Pappert – PA Attorney General

3/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

CRIME RATES

Sperling's Best Places has ranked State College the top spot for low crimes for small cities. Johnstown placed third for medium sized cities. Mark Allen reports on the ratings.

1:29 – Package

Chief Craig Foust – Johnstown Police Department

Chief Tom King – State College Police Department

3/18/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BUS PASSING

Two area police officers will not face charges for passing a school bus that was stopped with its red lights flashing.

:28 – VO

3/19/04, 5 PM, Friday Christy Feig

CHILD SEX ABUSE

The push is on to get people to talk about the sensitive issue of child sexual abuse. The push is for awareness. Christ Feig reports.

1:24 – Package

Sharon Simone – Child sex abuse victim

Dr. Vincent Felitt – Kaiser Permanente

3/24/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

DNA TECHNOLOGY

A new package of DNA crime bills has just passed the House Judiciary Committee, and supporters believe this will put Pennsylvania in the forefront of using DNA to solve crimes.

:50 – SOT/VO

Kerry Benninghoff – (R) 171st District

3/26/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

JAIL BUILDING PROBLEMS

Construction crews have run into more that 20 sinkholes at the new prison site outside Bellefonte. Fixing those holes is adding to the overall cost of construction to the tune of 100,000 dollars.

:48 – SOT/VO

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner

3/26/04, 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

BILL FAVORS BUSES IN EMERGENCIES

The issue of emergency vehicles getting to a scene at the possible expense of safety to your children continues. Now State Senator John Wozniak is supporting a bill that would require emergency vehicles to stop when a school bus has its lights flashing.

:32 – VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES MARCH

3/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

GAS THEFT

As the price of gas goes up, so does the rate of folks stealing gas from the pumps. The National Association of Convenience Stores says the thefts are up 200 per cent over the past few months. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:22 – Package

David Farra – Sunoco owner

Captain Frear – Johnstown Police Department

3/29/04, 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

With more criminals targeting smaller towns, many people feel their neighborhood isn't as safe as it used to be. Ryan Leckey reports that your best line of defense could be your neighbor.

:50 – Package

Jack Barlick – Lilly

Emily Yarnish – Lilly

Natalie Barlick – Washington Township Superintendent

Trooper Steve Barto – PA State Police

3/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Members of Blair County Children & Youth Services are trying to raise awareness of the devastating effects of child abuse. They want the public to know prevention is possible by becoming involved in the lives of kids and their families.

:56 – SOT/VO

MaryAnn Burger - Executive Director

3/30/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

FIGHTING HOME INVASIONS

Residents in Somerset and Cambria Counties have seen an increase in home invasions. Now, State Police are helping them protect themselves from a group called "travelers" who wander around the area and scam older residents.

:48 – SOT/VO

Sgt. John Rock – Somerset State Police

3/31/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BLAIR COUNTY DRUG COURT

Blair County officials say current criminal justice methods of breaking people of their drug addiction aren't working, but a drug court could make a change. It would focus on positive methods of getting users away from drugs.

:44 – SOT/VO

Hon. Jolene Kopriva – Blair County Judge

3/31/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

NO MORE POLICE

Today was the last day of work for the last police officer employed by the community of Philipsburg. Now downtown merchants are concerned that the crime rate may rise. But Borough council members say the money isn't there to pay a police officer. Regina Miller reports.

1:07 – Package

Matthew Price – Main Street Manager

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRISON, CRIME, & LAW ISSUES MARCH

3/31/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

ETHICS CLASS

Today, some Johnstown police officers learned more about how to properly protect and serve with ethics. The training helps prevent lawsuits and helps officers do their job better.

:46 – SOT/VO

Benjamin Brooks – State Police trainer

3/31/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

PRISON PROBLEM

Centre County prison staffers are under investigation after a constable says he was held in the prison against his will. The incident involved procedure questions in the transfer of an inmate. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:15 – Package

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

NBC – CRIME ISSUES MARCH

Nightly News

Monday, March 22

Are there any questions that the police can require a suspect to answer, such as identity and place of residence? The issue is in the Supreme Court and in precincts around the country.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES JANUARY

1/2/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

CLEARED FOR SPORTS

In order to participate in sports, most students have to be cleared physically to play. But is your child being evaluated correctly and are the right questions being asked. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:40 – Package

Patrick Buchen – Age 13

Dr. John Stevens – Pediatric Cardiologist

1/5/04, 5 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Penn State is instituting a new criminal background check for all job applicants, including professors. The move comes after it was discovered last year that one of their professors was a convicted murderer. Regina Miller reports.

:59 – Package

Tysen Kendig – PSU Spokesman

1/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

TEACHERS SALARIES / TEST SCORES

In an effort to make school districts more accountable, Republican Senator Jeffrey Piccola has introduced a proposal to base teachers' salaries on their students' standardized test scores. Pam Kane reports.

1:07 – Package

Tom Fanelli – Altoona School District

1/7/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CREDIT COST

Administrators of Pennsylvania's 14 state universities are studying a proposal to add a surcharge for students who take more than 16 credits a semester.

:28 – VO

1/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

READY TO STRIKE

The union representing the professors at all Pennsylvania state-run universities is preparing for a strike. They are moving their offices off-campus in an indication that the strike could happen soon. Salary levels and health care continue to be the main sticking points. Mark Allen reports.

1:41 – Package

Steven Jackson – IUP Professor

1/12/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

SENIORITIS

Senioritis is hitting high school students earlier and earlier, especially those who are accepted into college. Sophia Wharton reports on why.

1:57 – Package

Kenneth Jackson – Age 17

Eliana Sinizer – Age 17

Robin Mamlet – Stanford

Amber Cox – Age 17

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES JANUARY

1/13/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

READING THE WRIGHT WAY

In an effort to improve students' reading levels, a new program starting today in Blair County. It provides books for students and parents to use at home.

1:00 – Package

Jeanie Geist – Wright Elementary Teacher

1/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BULLY PROGRAM

Our Mother Of Sorrows School in Johnstown is the first Catholic school in the area to implement a bully program

:53 – SOT/VO

Marua McGrath – 3rd Grader, OMOS

Pam Seidel – Principal, OMOS

1/16/04, 5 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

PhD PROGRAM

Starting this Fall, Saint Francis University in Loretto will offer a doctoral program in physical therapy. This is the first doctoral program the university has and marks a giant step forward for the university.

:42 – SOT/VO

Pat Fitzgerald – Interim Chief of Program

1/19/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

HOMEWORK ON THE WEB

The first question parents usually ask their kids after school is, "Do you have homework?" But can you trust the answer they give you? Sophia Wharton reports on how technology is addressing this dilemma.

1:58 – Package

Molly Haas – Mother

Peter Haas – Age 12

Kelly Baker – Educator

1/20/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

WRITING PROGRAM

The National Center for Education Statistics assessed the writing skills of 120,000 8th graders and found twice as many girls were proficient writers compared to boys. That's not the case at the Curwensville School District where the writing begins at an early age.

2:30 – Package

Cynthia Irwin – English teacher

Robert Smith – High school principal

Jessica Douglas – 11th Grader

Allen Harchak – 11th Grader

1/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

JUNIATA / TOP PLAN

A local college has been recognized by Business Week Magazine for making education at a private institution easier to pay for. The plan they developed is similar to the state-funded Tap Program.

:57 – SOT/VO

Dr. Thomas Kepple – Juniata College President

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES JANUARY

1/21/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

THE WALL

Every year, thousands of students hit what some have called "the wall." It's when a child is doing well in school, and then, almost suddenly, the child loses interest and the grades start to drop. What can be done to help? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:58 – Package

Andrew Tonner – Age 17

Deborah Christy – Educator

1/23/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

MATH / TOUGH SUBJECT?

Why is the subject of math so hard for some kids and easy for others. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:00 – Package

Nathan Weitzner – Taking AP math

Meredith Many – High School Math, Chair

1/23/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

DIVERSITY TRAINING

Learning to tolerate others and understand their differences is a skill that can be learned early and prevent a lot of problems later on in life. A school in our area is striving to do just that. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:28 – Package

Tricia Murian – School counselor

Shannan Taylor – 11 yr. Old

Karen Hewitt – St. Francis Red Flash

1/23/04, 5: / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PENN STATE BUDGET

Penn State officials cut their budget but they say it still isn't enough. They say alumni gifts are down and state funds are limited.

:25 – SOT/VO

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

1/23/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL PROTEST

Parents voiced their protests at a school board meeting today in Johnstown. Several extracurricular activities are being cut or permission to use school facilities withdrawn.

:31 – VO

1/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

IUP SEVERANCE

The former president of IUP that worked on the job only six months will receive 105,000 dollars in a severance package.

:34 – VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES JANUARY

1/27/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

WINTER WEATHER / EARLY CLOSING

When bad weather hits, school districts have to decide whether they should close early or keep students till the end of the day. A lot of things factor into the decision. Katie Collett reports on why some close and some stay open.

:50 – Package

Dwight Straesser – Hollidaysburg

1/28/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

HIGHLY QUALIFIED

Nearly 97 percent of Pennsylvania's public school teachers are considered highly qualified for their jobs. That is what the State Education Department reports for the 2002 – 2003 school year.

:43 – VO

1/29/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Penn State administrators have revised a new policy requiring background checks for all new faculty hires. The check will only cover felonies, sex offenses, and misappropriation of funds.

:33 – VO

1/28/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

HAZING

Roughly 1.5 million high school students are hazed every year. Sophia Wharton has more on hazing prevention.

1:58 – Package

Sean Butkus – Went through hazing

John Lockridge, PhD – Psychologist

1/29/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Tracie Potts

TEXTBOOK COSTS

Some students are paying well over a hundred dollars a class for books and study materials they hardly ever use. A consumer group is trying to do something about it, and they're getting support from members of Congress.

1:39 – Package

Sen. Charles Schumer – (D) New York

Kareen Merrick – College Senior

Kate Rube – Public Interest Group

Pat Schroeder – Association of Book Publishers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

GRADES ONLINE

The Altoona Area School District is piloting a new program that will allow parents to better keep tabs of their students by accessing their grades on-line. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:05 – Package

May Steinbugl – Altoona Area School District

2/5/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

EDUCATION FUNDING/ HELP ON WAY

The House of Representatives has proposed a bill that would create an emergency fund to help schools in case the state budget is not passed.

:52 – SOT/VO

George Cardone – Altoona School District

2/5/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

STUDENT DRUG TESTING / PHILIPSBURG

Should high school students face random drug tests? Philipsburg-Osceola School administrators are taking a serious look at that question.

:42 – SOT/VO

Charles Young – School principal

2/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

UNIVERSITY & UNION REACH AGREEMENT

Administration and union faculty members at the state's 14 universities have reached a four-year contract that includes a 6 percent raise and a prescription drug plan.

:54 – SOT/VO

Bernie Ankney – APSCUF Spokesperson

2/9/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

COLLEGE MYTHS

The perceptions about college that high school students have are often very inaccurate. Stanford University surveyed students and compiled a list of the myths. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:10 – Package

Nick Miller – Age 17

Rob Jenkins – College professor

Nathan McMordie – Age 15

Betty Molloy – Academic Dean

2/11/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

SENIORITIS

Teenagers often think that their senior year doesn't count or won't have a big impact on their college applications. But that is just one more of those myths about college. Sophia Wharton reports on senioritis.

2:15 – Package

Julia Burton – 16 yrs old

Betty Malloy – Academic Dean

Rob Jenkins – College professor

Diane Burns – College Vice-President

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/11/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

RAPE FREE ZONES

There have been growing concerns about sexual assault incidents on the rise for Penn State students, and a report last month showed a majority of the cases occur off-campus. To address the problem, soon Penn State fraternities will be required to attend training seminars on sexual assault-related incidents. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:15 - Package

Brian Bertges - IFC Vice President

Dawn McKee - Women's resource Center

2/11/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

INSPECTION CONCERNS

In Centre County, there are growing concerns about a new proposal that the state will take over the building inspections on state-related or state-owned colleges. Area officials worry that a change will mean a different set of fire and safety standards for campus buildings that are lower than the community standards.

:48 - SOT/VO

Jeffrey Kern - State College Council

2/13/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

COLLEGE MYTHS

Everyone wants their kids to do well in college. But half the time, students drop out. Sophia Wharton explains the top ten myths about college that can make students unsuccessful.

2:05 - Package

Paul Duke - Age 15

Diane Burnes - College V.P.

Palmer Hudson - Age 15

Rob Jenkins - College Professor

Betty Malloy - Academic Dean

2/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

TUITION HIKES

Pennsylvania now practically leads the nation for tuition expenses for public colleges. While college administrators and state lawmakers try to assess blame, students are stuck with the bills. Gary Sinderson reports.

:52 - Package

Nate Gentzel - Penn State student

2/16/04, 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

VO-TECH FUTURE

The enrollment at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center has dropped. As a result of slashed state spending, education budgets have been cut. Now the future of the Vo-Tech School could be determined by area school districts.

1:18 - Package

Don Bailey - Forest Hills Superintendent

Walter Christ - Wants Vo-Tech to continue

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

TEACHER / COACH PROBE

Is a Johnstown coach and social studies teacher working illegally? The State Attorney General's Office has been investigating Dan Shipman since December. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:35 – Package

Dr. Lonnie Luna – PSEA Representative

2/19/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

TEACHER FORGERY

A high school teacher from Greater Johnstown is accused of forging his teacher's certificate. Now the Attorney General's office has confirmed they are investigating Dan Shipman's credentials. Katie Collett reports.

:48 – Package

2/20/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL COULD FACE FINE

The Greater Johnstown School District could be facing fines as a result of a teacher now under investigation for false credentials. State aid is based on the number of qualified teachers, and the state has no record of certification for Social Studies teacher Dan Shipman.

:48 – VO

Lonnie Luna – PSEA

2/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

COMMUNITY COLLEGES / HOMELAND SECURITY ED.

Community colleges are being recognized for being the core of homeland security education. They are designed for short-term training of EMT's firefighters, and police. Now they hope to get the funds they need for the programs. Natasha McBroom reports.

:45 – Package

Kenneth Warnick – Alleghany College of MD

Rep. John Peterson – (R) 5th District

2/23/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

BOYS NOT GETTING DEGREES

Girls are beating out the boys when it comes to earning Bachelors Degrees. Why? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:18 – Package

Kevin Perkins – Student

Donna McCarty, PhD – Educational psychologist

2/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

PENN STATE'S LAW SCHOOL

There has been a continuing controversy over whether Penn State's law school should move from Carlisle to State College. Now, a new option is being considered, having two separate locations.

:25 – VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/24/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

SCHOOL / LEAKY ROOF

Northern Cambria Elementary – Middle School is filled with buckets thanks to several leaks in the roof. Some teachers say the building leaks like a sieve, but school officials say they're taking steps to correct the problem. Mark Allen reports.

:50 – Package

Dr. Tom Estep – Superintendent

2/24/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

COMPOSER VISIT

Composer Todd Goodman visited the Pleasant Valley Elementary School today with a message that more emphasis should be placed on the importance of the arts in education.

:43 – SOT/VO

Todd Goodman – Composer, Altoona Symphony

2/25/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

PSSA

Starting this week, Pennsylvania students are being challenged by the annual PSSA test. It is designed to measure basic knowledge of math, reading, and writing. Should a child's future hinge on just one test? Pam Kane reports on what happens when students don't do well.

2:57 – Package

Dr. Sarah Dettas – Juniata College

Lacey Hedge – Tussey Mountain Senior

Mike Panek – Tussey Mountain Principal

Rep. Jerry Stern – (R) 80th District

2/26/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

KIDS AND TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Willard Daggett from the International Center for Leadership and Education explained that we're moving toward a society based on technology and how students will need better skills than those from years ago. That was the message at a gathering of 800 teachers and administrators in Blair County.

:51 – SOT/VO

Dr. Willard Daggett – Leadership and Education

2/27/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Teachers are now spending a lot of time preparing students for standardized tests. They've become the measure of our education system. However, that may be a huge flaw in educating kids. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:05 – Package

Cindy Stroud – Student

Arielle Blake – Student

Dan Simms – Middle School Principal

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES MARCH

3/1/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

AGAINST "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND"

Nearly 140 superintendents from 14 eastern Pennsylvania counties are criticizing the "No child left behind" Act. They say the requirements are unrealistic without funding.

:35 - VO

3/2/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

E-SCHOLAR

The Bellwood Antis School District is using a new data warehouse program designed to collect, sort, and analyze student progress. Parents and teachers can access a student's grades on-line.

:50 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelirer - (R) 30th District

3/2/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

TEACHER TERMINATED - PSU ALTOONA

Students held a rally yoday in support for PSU teacher Nona Gerard. They say her firing was unreasonable. The teacher had spoken out against a new 4-year integrative arts degree.

:56 - SOT/VO

Sherri Ethers - Junior In-Art Major

3/3/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SOMERSET NEGOTIATIONS

The next round of negotiations has been set in the Somerset Area School District with a neutral arbitrator.

:26 - VO

3/5/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

BAD FRESHMAN YEAR

An alarming trend shows that more and more ninth graders are flunking out. What is the problem with this first crucial year of high school? Is there anything parents can do to help? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:05 - Package

Devin Baird - Had trouble with school

Dr. Bobby Macris - Curriculum Director

3/8/04, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The Punxsutawney School District is allowing the corporal punishment clause to exist in the new district discipline policy. The clause allows paddling.

:26 - VO

3/10/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

LOCKER ROOM BLUES

Everyone remembers at least one incident of locker-room humiliation. Lisa Stofko reports on how kids are avoiding the dread of community showers.

2:03 - Package

Dr. Stephen Mathis - Psychologist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES MARCH

3/12/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PROJECT PEACE

Training for Project Peace began in our area for ten more schools. It is designed to promote a positive change. It is a statewide program that puts student mediators in schools to help their peers talk about and resolve problems.

:47 – SOT/VO

Kayla Carolus – Juniata Valley Elementary

3/12/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Pam Kane

SAY NO TO TOBACCO

An eleventh grade student at Juniata Valley High School has met opposition from the school board for trying to bring an MTV speaker to her school to persuade students not to smoke. Pam Kane reports.

1:43 – Package

Elizabeth Jenkins – Student organizer

David Donnelly – Board member

Karen Fish – Board member

3/16/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

ALTOONA SCHOOL PROJECT

The Altoona Area School District will soon have the money for a new junior high school project even though they don't quite know what the project will be yet. The board has voted to borrow 28 million dollars that will be used to build a new junior high or renovate the two old ones.

:30 – VO

3/17/04, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SOON TO BE PRIVATE / PSU CUTS IN FUNDING

President Graham Spanier told the university faculty Senate that Penn State is moving toward becoming a private institution. It is because of the recent cuts in state funding.

:58 – SOT/VO

Amy Neil – PSU Spokesperson

3/17/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

LEARNING NUTRITION

Cambria Heights Elementary School is attacking the childhood obesity problem with a six-week program to teach lessons on nutrition. Katie Collett reports.

1:31 – Package

Brad O'Hara – Kindergartener

Erin Lecue – Cambria Heights Elementary

Shaina Selesty – 2nd Grade

Jean Delozier – 5th Grade

Jane Maswnik – Healthsouth

3/17/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

VISION TROUBLE

An estimated three million kids are classified as learning disabled. But surprising new research shows that many of those kids may be mis-labeled, with vision problems instead. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:04 – Package

Jeremy Summerour – Age 8

Margie Summerour – Mother

Dr. Sharon Berger – Optometrist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES MARCH

3/22/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

EASING STANDARDS

One third of the nation's school district are rural, with quite a few in West Central Pennsylvania. Those schools will now be getting a break on the new quality teacher standards of the Bush's No Child Left Behind Plan. Brigette Langmade reports.

1:15 – Package

Rene Islas – Dept. of Education

John See – Former Rural Teacher

3/23/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

100 BOOK CHALLENGE

One goal of the No Child Left Behind initiative is to make certain children are proficient readers by the end of the third grade. The Conemaugh Valley School District has taken up that challenge with a program that gives students a desire to read. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:00 – Package

Cindy Labor – Mother

Nancy Gaborek – Elementary principal

Michelle Miller – 1st Grade teacher

Anita Flanagan – Mother

3/23/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

NAME CHANGE

The Cambria County Area Community College is changing its name in an effort to reach outside Cambria County, expanding its focus.

:43 – SOT/VO

Dr. Anna Weitz – CCACC President

3/24/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

HIGH SCHOOL STRIP SEARCH

Parents in one Pennsylvania school district are upset after six female students were reportedly strip searched. The search was in response to a student missing some money and was carried out by a school nurse and a gym teacher.

:54 – SOT/VO

Ed Dusendschine – Father

3/25/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

JUNIOR HIGH QUESTION

The Altoona School District held a public meeting today to present research they've done on the effects of merging Keith and Roosevelt Junior Highs into a larger new school. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:19 – Package

Dr. George Cardone – Assistant Superintendent

3/25/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SPECIAL ED DECISION

A state panel has unanimously voted to approve a change giving parents the sole authority to decide whether their children can be placed in Special Education programs.

:25 – VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES MARCH

3/26/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

BACKGROUND CHECKS

How much should you know about professors and other staffers on college campuses? Recent revelations are prompting state lawmakers to require universities to check criminal histories when hiring teachers. Some professors say it is an invasion of privacy.

:54 - SOT/VO

Milton Durstine - Penn State student

Dan Seibel - Penn State student

3/26/04, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

WHAT HISTORY TEACHES

Do today's history classes shortchange America's accomplishments by placing more emphasis on the dark side of our nation's past? A new study says yes. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:07 - Package

William Casey - History teacher

Clifford Kuhn - Historian

3/30/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

READING PROGRAM

The motto of one Cambria County elementary school is that all children can learn and succeed, but not on the same day and not in the same way. They are using a new reading program that incorporates the philosophy. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:58 - Package

Luke Lansberry - Principal

Kate Goldian - 2nd Grade

Penny Rose - Reading specialist

Austin Traus - 1st grade

3/31/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

GRAD STUDENT UNION RALLY

They're underpaid and overworked. That's why grad students at Penn State are talking about unionizing. And the main issue is health care benefits.

:47 - SOT/VO

Melanie McNaughton - PSU Grad Student

3/31/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE

Experts say that it is the earlier the better when teaching children to say no to drugs. That was the message for second graders in the Altoona School District today.

:39 - SOT/VO

Sandi Smith - Homerun manager

EDUCATION MARCH

Dr. Phil **3/24/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Could your child be the target of a bully? Young bullies and savage school bus beatings are on the rise. Why do bullies think they are right? How can children be protected. Dr. Phil explains.

Show #: 2122 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

NBC: EDUCATION . . . MARCH

Nightly News

Wednesday, MARCH 24

Should school children continue to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom? That is the debate in the Supreme Court and around the country today.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JANUARY

1/2/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

MEASURING BLOODFLOW

Doctors have been using the EKG to record heart activity for more than 100 years. But in some cases, it misses a common problem, the lack of blood flow to the heart. Doctors are now looking for a device that would offer a solution.

1:44 – Package

Dr. Jon Resar – Cardiologist

Darron Anderson – Magnetic Cardiographer Patient

1/2/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

IS THE FLU SLOWING DOWN

With kids out of school for the holidays, will the flu outbreak begin to taper off? Flu experts say that even though schools are one of the greatest flu-rich environments, traveling, shopping, and visiting all add to the number of flu cases.

:41 – SOT/VO

Will Farthing – UPMC Lee Regional

1/5/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

NEW BIOPSY

Each year, about one million women undergo breast biopsies. Now, a new procedure is giving patients a less invasive choice. Sara Burget reports.

1:44 – Package

Janice Diugos – Breast Cancer Patient

Dr. Jules Sumkin – Radiologist

1/5/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

NEW PHYSICIANS OFFICE

Residents who live between Altoona and Tyrone do not have as many opportunities for medical care as they make like. So two Blair County doctors have opened a new office to treat that unserved area of Blair County.

:43 – SOT/VO

Dr. Fidelis Ejiaareh – Tyrone Medical Associates

1/6/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

MAD COW DISEASE

After a cow in the state of Washington was diagnosed with mad cow disease, officials and some people got very concerned. Why? Sara Burget reports on the deadly effects of the disease for humans that contract it.

1:45 – Package

Dr. Carol Petito – Neuropathologist

Patrick Singh – Charlene's Father

1/7/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

POINTY-TOE SURGERY

You've seen lots of women wearing those pointy-toe shoes. Now it seems that they'll go to any length to make them fit, including surgery. Is that wise? Sara Burget reports.

1:09 – Package

Dee Dee Smith- Toe Surgery patient

Gregory Clark, M.D. – Foot Specialist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JANUARY

1/7/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

WEST NILE VIRUS

There were over 200 human cases of West Nile Virus in Pennsylvania this past year. A significant number of those cases were in Clearfield County. Why there? Pam Kane reports.

1:12 – Package

Charles Allen – County Extension Agent

1/7/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

RED CROSS GUIDELINES

The Red Cross is anxious for eligible donors to roll up their sleeves, but at the end of this month, they'll be asking for identification. It's a safety measure as well as a useful record-keeping procedure.

:46 – SOT/VO

Rebecca Parsons – Red Cross Public Relations

1/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Pam Kane

RURAL HOSPITAL HELP

Rural hospitals are suppose to be the big benefactors of the recently passed Medicare Bill. Congressman Shuster is on a hospital tour to explain just what the benefits are and how the legislation will improve health care for Pennsylvanians. Pam Kane reports.

:54 – Package

Congressman Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

1/8/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

VASECTOMY ALTERNATIVE

Instead of a vasectomy, a new technique is offering a more attractive option for men looking for permanent birth control. It eliminates painful incisions, swelling, and cuts down on the chance of infection. Sara Burget reports.

1:33 – Package

1/8/04, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

BLOOD SUPPLIES DOWN

Snowstorms, the holidays, and a rough flu season have combined to really cut down the numbers of blood donors this winter. It's having a crippling effect on the blood supply.

:32 – VO

1/8/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

FLU CASES DOWN / STILL A PROBLEM

The flu season appears to be on the decline, but health officials warn that the virus is still out there and people are still contracting the disease.

:56 – SOT/VO

Dr. Julie Gerberding – CDC Director

1/9/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

CANCER & EXERCISE

There is new help for the 9.5 million Americans who live with cancer. The help doesn't involve surgery or radiation, but instead exercise. Sara Burget reports.

1:40 – Package

Nancy Dayot – Cancer survivor

Dr. Anne McTiernan – Cancer Research Center

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JANUARY

1/12/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

PAINLESS DENTISTRY

The major thing that discourages people from going to the dentist is the pain. But new technology is making dental work more efficient and less painful. Sara Burget reports on Cerec 3D.

1:33 – Package

Jeffrey Sims – Dentist

Dr. Robert Davidoff – Dentist

Lisa Jackson – Getting a new crown

1/13/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

SUN FRECKLES

If you don't like the freckles you get from being in the sun, there is a new way to make them disappear. Sara Burget reports.

1:18 – Package

Monique Rehmer – Photo, Facial patient

Dr. Sam Lederman – OB/GYN

1/14/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

HYDROJET

One of the biggest problems surgeons face is a patient's bleeding. But now a new device is out there to help. Sara Burget reports.

1:34 – Package

Marcia Jones – Cancer patient

Dr. John Wallace – Surgeon

Dr. Brian Gogel – Surgical oncologist

1/15/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

GETTING FLUIDS

For as long as many of us remember, we've been told we need 8 glasses of water per day. But is it really true. Sara Burget reports.

1:11 – Package

Laurie Lovgren – Registered Dietician

1/16/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

GROWTH HORMONE

What do you do if your child stops growing? It can happen, but there is help. Sara Burget reports on the growth hormone.

1:32 – Package

Samantha Epworth – Taking growth hormone

Shari Epworth – Samantha's mother

Len Epworth – Samantha's father

Ali Epworth – Taking growth hormone

1/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

HEALTH O RAMA

Altoona Hospital's second annual Health-o-rama is designed to teach people of all ages how to live well and take part in preventing health problems.

:46 – SOT/VO

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JANUARY

1/21/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

HEART DISEASE / CONTROVERSIAL REPORT

There is a new controversial but scientifically supported thesis on heart disease that claims it is caused by bacteria.

:57 – SOT/VO

Dr. Peter Salgo – Author

1/21/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

AMBULANCE PAYMENTS

Nineteen ambulance companies across Pennsylvania say they have waited long enough for increases in Medicaid payments for transporting patients.

:25 – VO

1/21/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Ryan Leckey

NOISE EFFECTS

More than 30 million Americans are exposed to hazardous noise levels everyday in the workplace, outdoors, or at home. It's a problem that can leave some people with permanent hearing loss. Now scientists have a device to protect your ears when the noise gets too loud. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:30 – Package

Bob Barnstead - Uses hearing protection

Kevin Michael, PhD – Audiologist

Sigfrid Soll, PhD – House Ear Institute

1/21/04, 5: PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

GOOD VIBRATIONS

If you are prone to losing your balance, vibrating footwear may be good for you. It's the latest way to treat balance problems, particularly for seniors. Sara Burget reports.

1:52 – Package

Sofia Serbin - Stroke patient

Jim Collins – Biomedical engineer

1/22/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

STRESS PRESCRIPTION

Tax time combined with the post holiday blues can lead to a great deal of stress. Sara Burget reports on some tips to deal with the stress.

1:38 – Package

Michael Moriarty – Counselor

1/23/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

MAMMOSITE

A new treatment that delivers radiation in a more effective way is easing the burden for breast cancer patients. Sara Burget reports on Mammosite.

1:19 – Package

Lenora Deese – Breast cancer patient

Dr. John Russell – Radiation oncologist

1/26/04, 6 PM, Monday Sara Burget

FILTRATION SYSTEM

If your child is so sick that he or she is hospitalized, how do you prevent him from getting an infection in the hospital. One solution is filtration systems. Sara Burget reports.

1:20 – Package

Jourdy Cleveland – Patient

Dr. Richard Lemons – Oncologist

Rick Cleveland – Father

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JANUARY

1/27/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PAC-3 CANCER PLAN

Pennsylvania has its first ever plan to reduce cancer, which emphasizes prevention, healthy lifestyles, screening, treatment, and information management.

:45 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jack Wagner – (D) 42nd District

1/27/04, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MEDEVAC CHANGES

The State has set some new guidelines for air medical transports that require patients to be taken to the nearest trauma center unless weather prevents it.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dr. Lee Miller – Conemaugh Memorial Hospital

1/28/04, 5 Wednesday Sara Burget

BREAST CANCER & DEODORANT

Have you ever heard that there is a link between breast cancer and deodorant? Experts in the medical community are debating the answer. Sara Burget reports.

1:31 – Package

Dr. Kris McGrath – Researcher

Melody Cobleigh – Cancer specialist

1/29/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

SUPER VACCINES

Children need vaccinations against diseases, but with so many shots over the course of two years, patients begin to feel like human pincushions. To alleviate the problem, doctors are working to combine several vaccines into one shot. Sara Burget reports on Super vaccines.

1:59 – Package

Dr. William Weissman – Pediatrician

1/30/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

ARTERY DRAIN

Usually bypass surgery is used to clear blockages in the heart. But now, doctors have developed a device similar to a roto rooter for arteries called plaque excision. Sara Burget reports.

1:35 – Package

Willma Ordini – Claudication patient

Dr. David Cohen – Specialist

1/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

MERCY HEALTH SERVICES CUT

Five physicians from Mercy Health Services are being let go from their hospital as a result of a merger with Bons Secours. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:31 – Package

Dave Cuzzolina – Bons Secours Hospital

HEALTH ISSUES JANUARY

Dr. Phil 1/9/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil discusses the pros and cons of plastic surgery. When is it too much?

Show #: 2064 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil 1/12/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil examines weight loss strategies that work.

Show #: 2086 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil 1/27/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil discusses how to deal with dangerous addictions.

Show #: 2082 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . JANUARY

Nightly News

Wednesday, January 21

From SARS to Monkey Pox, Robert Bazell reports on why these deadly illnesses are becoming more dangerous to humans.

Nightly News

Thursday, January 22

An increasing number of children are breaking bones. Are poor nutrition and a lack of calcium to blame?

Nightly News

Tuesday, January 13

Robert Bazell reports on new information about whether there is anything people can do to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

Dateline

Friday, January 16

You look everywhere for your keys and, twenty minutes later, you find them...same place where they always are. Staring you right in the face. Ever happen to you? It's pretty harmless if it's just a set of keys, but what if you're driving, and it's another car you didn't spot. People in accidents often say they never saw the other guy coming. There's a reason for that. Mike Taibbi reports on why sometimes, you just can't believe your own eyes.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/3/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

EPHEDRA

Ephedra has been banned by the FDA for a reason; it's dangerous, even when combined with other herbal ingredients. Sara Burget reports.

1:31 – Package

Michael White - Pharmacist

Heather Sue – Study participant

2/4/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

EPHEDRA SUBSTITUTES

Now that it is illegal to buy ephedra products, many people are turning to other herbal remedies to help lose weight. But some of the alternatives can also have serious side effects. Sara Burget reports.

1:11 – Package

Russell Zukin – Pharmacist

2/4/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PHILIPSBURG HOSPITAL TALKS

Centre County Commissioners are continuing talks with officials at Phillipsburg Hospital in an effort to find a solution to the hospital's financial problems.

:35 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

2/5/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

PROTEIN & CANCER

Through new advancements in breast cancer research, scientists have found something that can predict which breast cancer patients will relapse. It is with the detection of certain proteins. Sara Burget reports.

1:28 – Package

Dr. Ray Frankelton – Roger Williams Medical Center

Dr. Gerald Eifenbein – Roger Williams Medical Center

2/6/04, 11 PM, Friday Sara Burget

FLU FACTS

The flu came early to our region and hit hard. Many were scrambling to get flu shots. But do you know facts about the flu or just myths? Sara Burget reports.

2:58 – Package

Kim Reichard – Had the flu

Dr. Daniel Wehner – Conemaugh Health Systems

Dr. William Hirsch – Family doctor

2/9/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

PORTIONS

Some people with weight problems may have a problem determining correct portions, particularly with drinks. Sara Burget reports on perceptions and glass sizes.

1:23 – Package

Brian Wansink – Study author

Betsy Toepper – Bartender

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . FEBRUARY

2/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

HOSPITAL FUNDING HELP

The operators of the Philipsburg Hospital admit a deficit of over a million dollars, but they got a financial booster shot from Centre County Commissioners today to buy some Emergency Room equipment. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:05 – Package

Pat Couturlaux – Rush Township Supervisor

2/10/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

TRANSPLANTS / EYE SIGHT

A new transplant could change the need for reading glasses as one matures. Sara Burget reports on cataract lens.

1:24 – Package

Dr. Barrie Soloway – Ophthalmologist

Harriet Silver – Cataract patient

2/11/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

WINTER SKIN

Winter brings with it dry and cracked skin. How can you effectively treat it? Sara Burget reports.

1:33 – Package

Andrea Werbel – Patient

Dr. David Goldberg – Mt. Sinai Medical Center

2/13/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

LASIK SURGERY PROBLEMS

For millions of people, lasik eye surgery has allowed them to have perfect vision. But there are risks, just like any other surgery. Sara Burget reports.

1:34 – Package

Lauren Atwood – Lasik patient

Dr. Peter Hersch – Eye surgeon

Jeffrey Dello Russo – Eye surgeon

Dean Mahoney – Laser vision patient

2/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

V.A. CUTS

A presidential panel is recommending that the acute care at the V.A. Hospital in Altoona be shut down. Pittsburgh and Erie facilities are also facing cutbacks.

1:09 – SOT/VO

Everett Alvarez – Vet. Affairs Commission

2/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

ORNISH PROGRAM

There's a wave of diet plans sweeping the nation. But the Dean Ornish program claims it can reduce and even reverse the effects of heart disease. Katie Collett reports on the Ornish lifestyle change.

3:00 – Package

Dr. Kelly Warshel – Windber Medical Center

Patty Felton – Windber Medical Center

Jim Latterner – Heart disease survivor

WJAC-TV, in cooperation with the Conemaugh Health System, provided a phone panel of health experts to answer viewer questions on the subject of heart disease from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . FEBRUARY

2/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

HEART TECHNOLOGY

New technologies are offering hope for heart attack sufferers. Katie Collett reports on what is available and how our own news anchor Marty Radovanic has changed his lifestyle since his heart attack.

3:04 – Package

Dr. Robert Stenberg – Cardiologist

Marty Radovanic, Jr. – Son of heart attack survivor

WJAC-TV, in cooperation with the Conemaugh Health System, provided a phone panel of health experts to answer viewer questions on the subject of heart disease from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2/20/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

MASSAGE AND MEDICINE

Many of us see a massage as a way to relax. But a growing number of studies show a massage can mean pain relief. Sara Burget reports.

1:43 – Package

Brenda Griffith – American Massage Therapy

Richard Finn – Pain Management

2/20/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

NEW NURSING PROGRAM / CENTRE COUNTY

A nationwide nursing shortage is leading to new initiatives designed to encourage more nursing students. At Centre Crest Nursing Home, they are offering to help pay school bills for students who will work there after graduation.

:38 – SOT/VO

Barbara Jackson – Centre Crest Director

2/22/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

SPRING LOADED SHOES

Can springs in shoes relieve foot pain? It seems a bit strange but Z-coils has a new spring-loaded shoe to give patients with chronic foot pain a less painful walk. Sara Burget reports.

1:42 – Package

Donna Koski – Z Coils wearer

Ron Mills – Z Coil customer

Gary Contreras – Co-owner

Dr. Donald Green – Podiatrist

2/24/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

LOW CARB DIET

It seems like every store or restaurant is jumping on the low carb craze. But is it a tasty diet? Is it appealing enough to keep dieters from cheating? Sara Burget reports.

1:13 – Package

2/24/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

BIBLE DIET

There is yet another new diet that claims will help you feel better and be more healthy. It is based on what the apostles of the Bible ate prior to the Passover season.

:45 – Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . FEBRUARY

2/25/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

DENTAL HEALTH

Because they lack fluoride in their drinking water, children in the northern and central part of Cambria County have a higher rate of cavities than other parts of the state. So the Child and Adolescent Health and Wellness Council is giving lessons in schools on the proper way to brush and floss teeth.

:49 – SOT/VO

Marlene Singer – Public Health Nurse

2/25/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

ACUPUNCTURE

When you get sick with a cold, you could be tired of all the pills and liquids. There is an alternative most people don't know about. Sara Burget reports.

1:20 – Package

Tadeusz Sztzykowski – Acupuncturist

Lisa Weinberg – Devin's Mom

2/26/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

FLU SEASON – ALMOST OVER?

If you have a sore throat or runny nose this time of year, is it the flu or a common cold. Doctors say they see a decline in the flu and chances are, it's probably a cold. Katie Collett reports on how to tell the difference.

:42 – Package

Dr. Louis Schenfeld – Memorial Medical Center

2/26/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

TYPING BLOOD

Every day, thousands of accident victims depend on blood to survive. But paramedics can't give patients blood right away without knowing what type of blood the patient needs. But there is a new solution. Sara Burget reports.

1:28 – Package

Dr. Frederick Moore – Polyheme Study Investigation

2/27/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

MOOD GLASSES

Everyone can have bad moods, but how do you get out of them or past them? It may be as simple as putting on a pair of mood glasses.

1:49 – Package

Carol Resnick – Suffers from depression

Dr. Peter Mueller – Psychiatrist

Dr. Orrin Devinsky – NYU Medical Center

2/27/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Katie Collett

VASCULAR AGE

The number of candles on your cake may tell you your chronological age, but when it comes to your health, your vascular age may be more important. Katie Collett tells why and how to figure it out.

1:42 – Package

Richard Bartlett – Tested for vascular age

James Stein – Associate Director

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES FEBRUARY

2/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

FAITH TO HEAL

Many people look to their faith to pull them through the hard times. Does faith have the power to heal? Katie Collett reports.

1:26 – Package

Elizabeth Tressler – Breast Cancer Survivor

D.C. Nokes – Lost wife to cancer

HEALTH ISSUES FEBRUARY

Dr. Phil **2/9/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil conducts weight interventions. How do you open peoples' eyes to their weight problems before it is too late. When is it too late?

Show #: 2065 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . FEBRUARY

Nightly News

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10

Why do one in seven Americans go without medical coverage? What does this mean for the health of Americans?

Nightly News

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 17

What is the nutritional value of nuts? Are they a healthy snack or an important food to avoid?

Dateline

Friday, FEBRUARY 20

Is cutting out carbs good for you? Is it healthy or safe? What about Dr. Atkins? Did the diet contribute to his death? Dateline takes an in-depth look at the controversial yet popular Atkin's Diet.

Nightly News

Monday, FEBRUARY 23

Last year, 800,00 U.S. families declared bankruptcy because they couldn't afford to pay their medical bills. What is being done to curb the skyrocketing prices?

Nightly News

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 24

Robert Bazell reports on the difficult decisions hospitals are forced to make in the face of increasing costs and shrinking budgets. How could your health care be affected?

Nightly News

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 25

Highly effective drugs like Lipitor reduce the risk of heart attacks and stroke, but they are very expensive. Is anything being done to make them more affordable?

Nightly News

Thursday, FEBRUARY 26

An increasing number of patients are paying for outside firms to review the advice they get from their doctors. What does this growing trend say about health care in the U.S.?

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES MARCH

3/1/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

INSULIN INHALER

Many people with diabetes need to give themselves up to three insulin injections a day to control the disease. But a new device, the insulin inhaler, could put an end to the needle use. Sara Burget reports.

1:35 – Package

David Harrison – Diabetic

Andrea Herne – Project coordinator

3/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

TURNING A PROFIT / EBENSBURG

Is Laurel Crest a drain on the economy or an asset to the community? The previous commissioners saw it as an asset, but one that should be sold. What do the current commissioners see? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:03 – Package

Chris Dear – Laurel Crest

3/2/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

REPLACING TRANS FATS

The FDA recently ordered food manufacturers to begin listing trans fatty acids on food labels after several studies showed they're unhealthy. Now companies are testing replacements for the trans fats that help extend the shelf life of food products. Sara Burget reports.

1:33 – Package

Walter Fehr – Professor of Agronomy

3/3/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

PROADJUSTOR

A Johnstown chiropractor is using a new technique with high tech equipment to make adjustments to backs and joints. Sara Burget reports on the state of the art technique right here in Johnstown.

1:52 – Package

Gale Koestler – Patient

Dr. Dennis McKolosky – Chiropractor

3/4/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

Ph WATER

A new kind of water is hitting the market that claims you can sip away the pounds. Can you shed weight without watching what you eat? Sophia Wharton reports.

3:04 – Package

Dr. Roy Johnson – Trinity Springs

Glenn Morris – Evamor

Robert Young, PhD – The ph Miracle

Keith Ayoob – American Dietetic Association

Libby Langsdorff – Water tester

Kristin Forgiano – Water tester

3/4/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

SAVE YOUR SKIN

Age takes a toll on our skin. While genetics and gravity play a role, so does sun exposure, smoking, and drinking. However, thanks to modern medicine, looking older is not inevitable. Sara Burget reports.

1:35 – Package

Dr. David Goldberg – Dermatologist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES MARCH

3/5/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

HYPEREMESIS

Hyperemesis affects ten of every one thousand pregnancies. But most people have never heard of it. How can you tell the difference between this debilitating condition and morning sickness? Sara Burget reports.

1:39 - Package

Alisha Borell - Hyperemesis patient

Dr. Christy Dibble - Gastroenterologist

3/5/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

HOOKED UP TO PITT HOSPITAL

Life-saving treatment for premature babies in Johnstown is now just a heartbeat away. UPMC Lee Regional unveiled new technology that is putting the babies in touch with University of Pittsburgh physicians. Mark Allen reports.

1:13 - Package

Dr. Mike Balsan - UPMC Lee Regional

3/8/04, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CAPS / SENATE VOTE TUESDAY

State lawmakers are set to act tomorrow on the controversial issue of medical malpractice reform. Debate centers on whether to limit the amount of money juries can award for pain and suffering in liability suits.

1:25 - SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman - (R) 34th District

Rep. Mike Turzai - (R) 28th District

3/8/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

EAR PIERCING / INFECTIONS

If you get your ears pierced, the part of the ear you pierce could be a factor in your risk for infection. Is the lobe or the cartilage more risky? Sara Burget reports.

1:30 - Package

Aura Canton - Has cartilage piercing

Dr. William Keene - Human Services

3/8/04, 5 PM, Monday Katie Collett

CABIN FEVER

Have you ever felt like the walls in your home are closing in on you? In winter, more than likely it's cabin fever. Katie Collett explains.

1:00 - Package

Lisa Wagner - Behavioral Medicine

3/8/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Katie Collett

CABIN FEVER REMEDY

Old man winter sometimes brings a serious problem, cabin fever. But there are ways to fight it. Katie Collett reports.

1:42 - Package

Cheryl Lewis - Doesn't like winter

Brad Reckner - Johnstown

Lisa Wicks - Johnstown

Rich Naughton - Likes to go outside

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES MARCH

3/9/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BILL ON MEDICAL CAPS

The State Senate is debating a bill today that would place caps on awards for pain and suffering in medical malpractice lawsuits. Doctors say it would help weed out frivolous lawsuits.

:53 - SOT/VO

Dr. Ed Dench = PA Medical Society

3/10/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

MEASURING METABOLISM

Does a high metabolism rate keep people thin? Does a slow rate increase weight? Sara Burget reports on the facts of metabolisms.

1:15 - Package

Dr. Bill Frumkin - Obesity Surgery patient

Dr. Mitchell Roslin - Surgeon

3/11/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

LYME DISEASE WORRIES THIS YEAR

Lyme Disease is easily spread from pets to people and with an early warm spell this year, health officials are worried about an increase of the disease which is especially harmful to children. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:03 - Package

David Weld - Lyme Disease Foundation

3/11/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

CHEMO PILL

Chemotherapy can be a difficult yet inevitable treatment for cancer patients with unpleasant side effects. But doctors have found a way to make the treatments easier, with a chemo pill. Sara Burget reports.

1:37 - Package

Bob - Cancer patient

Dr. Yehuda Patt - Oncologist

3/12/04, 5 PM, Friday Msara Burget

STATIN DRUGS

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. But researchers are making breakthroughs with a new generation of statin drugs. Sara Burget reports.

1:19 - Package

Dr. Steven Nissen - Cardiologist

3/15/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT

Asthma patients have to be careful in order to avoid an asthma attack. Sara Burget reports on how to live without worrying about asthma.

2:25 - Package

Amanda Then - Asthma patient

Miriam Cruz - Amanda's Grandmother

Dr. Meyer Kattan - Pediatrics

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES MARCH

3/15/04, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

HELPING RURAL MEDICINE

Cutting edge research on telemedicine done at St. Francis University has led to patients being able to be diagnosed by specialists in other states.

:49 – SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha – (D) 12th District

3/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

VA HOSPITAL CUTS

Veterans poured into the Van Zandt Medical Center in Altoona to show how much they oppose possible cuts at the V-A Hospital. Sen. Arlen Specter, Chairman of the Senate's Committee on Veteran's Affairs, was there to take notice and comments. Natasha McBroom reports.

:51 – Package

Bill Tuerk – Specter's Chief Counsel

3/16/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

BACK PAIN EXERCISES

More workdays are lost to back pain than any other reason except the common cold. So the right treatment can make all the difference. Sara Burget reports.

1:19 – Package

Dr. Vijay Vad – Surgeon

3/17/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

LOW CARB DIETS SAFE?

Low carb diets are all the craze. But are they safe? Sara Burget reports.

1:34 – Package

Melia Mann – Lost 140 lbs.

Dr. Rachel Swigris – Weight Management specialist

Lisa Richardson – Registered dietician

3/18/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

OBESITY

Tobacco is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths in the country. But obesity is quickly closing the gap. Sara Burget reports.

1:13 – Package

Dr. Julie Gerberding – Center for Disease Control

3/19/04, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

MERCURY GUIDELINES

Government health officials are telling pregnant women and young children to cut down on the fish eating. They are worried about the hazards of mercury in fish.

:32 – VO

3/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

DRUGS AND SUICIDE

According to the FDA, people taking some popular anti-depressants should be closely watched for warning signs of suicide. Mark Allen reports.

:52 – Package

Dr. Luis Gonzalez – Memorial Medical Center

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES MARCH

3/22/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

EAR ANTIBIOTICS

When your child has an ear infection, you usually want antibiotics to help your little one feel better. But that is not a good idea. Sara Burget reports.

1:42 – Package

Mindy Rosenfield – Daniel's Mom

Dr. Rich Rosenfeld – Otolynologist

3/22/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

AUTISM

Although autism affects as many as six of every thousand kids, it is still often misunderstood. Lisa Stofko reports that early intervention and treatment makes all the difference.

2:12 Package

Donna Ahirich – Mother

Danny Ahirich – has autism

Wayne Fisher, Ph.D – Assoc. Professor John Hopkins School of Medicine

3/23/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

WARTS

Researchers are putting a handyman's cure-all to the test in hopes of finding a better and less painful way to eliminate warts. Sara Burget reports.

1:05 – Package

Dr. William Norcross – Family Medicine

Mike Pelletier – Home Depot

3/24/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

MALPRACTICE LAWSUITS GOING DOWN

Saying that reforms are making a difference, Governor Ed Rendell is outlining new proposals to address the state's medical malpractice situation. He spoke about several proposals designed to give doctors relief with their skyrocketing insurance costs. Mark Allen reports.

1:00 – Package

Ed Rendell – PA Governor

3/24/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

GET MOVING PROGRAM

UPMC Lee Regional Hospital has challenged three communities to live healthier lifestyles. They are introducing the "Get Moving" program of nutrition, exercise, and weight management.

:48 – SOT/VO

Bill Maher – Personal trainer

3/25/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ASTHMA WORKSHOP

Asthma is on the rise among school children. Because of that, the Blair County Respiratory Disease Society held a workshop to teach people how to cope with asthma.

:50 – SOT/VO

Betsy Hurst – Respiratory Society

3/26/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

REGIONAL ANESTHESIA

One of the biggest concerns people have when considering surgery is being put under. But now you can have surgery and stay awake too. Sara Burget reports.

1:23 – Package

Lt. Col. Buckenmaier - Anesthesiologist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES MARCH

3/29/04, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE SEMINAR

Could yoga or aroma therapy combined with your everyday prescription make you feel better? Some doctors say yes.

:38 – SOT/VO

Barbara Durea – Intergrative Med. Seminar

3/29/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

BEDBUGS

Bedbugs are no bigger than an appleseed, and each one is capable of laying up to 500 eggs. They are becoming more prominent and Sara Burget reports on how to keep them away.

1:26 – Package

3/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HOSPITAL MERGER

Two of the largest hospitals in Western Pennsylvania are moving forward on a plan to merge. Altoona Hospital and Bon Secours Medical Center would have a unified staff serving two campuses.

:42 – VO

3/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

MERGER DETAILS

Katie Collett reports on the details of the merger and how the plan will be implemented.

:45 – Package

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

3/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

MERGER REACTION

The merger of these two major hospitals will affect a lot of people. Natasha McBroom spoke to community members to get their reaction to the news.

:49 – Package

Dr. Frank Sangiorgio – Bon Secours C.O.S.

3/30/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Many people in the Catholic Church have been holding their breath about this agreement. But it does ensure a continuation of Catholic beliefs in the administration of acute care at Bon Secours.

:40 – SOT/VO

Sister Mary Parks – Diocese spokesperson

3/31/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

HOSPITAL MERGER

Since the proposed deal was unveiled for the merger of Bon Secours and Altoona Hospital, there have been a lot of concerns raised by the community. The hospitals are trying to respond with a hotline. Natasha McBroom reports.

:45 – Package

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

3/31/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

SMALL HOSPITAL DILEMMAS

Merger talks between larger hospitals have smaller hospitals throughout the region wondering how they'll make ends meet. They may partner with larger facilities, but they still have difficulty recruiting doctors. Pam Kane reports financial considerations are always a problem.

:48 – Package

Chris Gildea – J.C. Blair Hospital

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . MARCH

3/31/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

GASTRIC BYPASS PT. 1

Gastric bypass surgery can help obese people lose weight, but it's not without significant risks. Sara Burget reports.

1:52 - Package

Gail Francis - Gastric bypass patient

Dr. Dean Roye - Surgeon

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . MARCH

Nightly News

Tuesday, MARCH 9

A new study finds that obesity may soon overtake smoking as the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. What is the government doing to curb this growing epidemic?

Nightly News

Wednesday, MARCH 10

The abuse of a dangerous stimulant is skyrocketing in small towns and ruining the lives of countless addicts and their children. What's being done to curb the use of the deadly drug?

Nightly News

Tuesday, MARCH 16

There is a lot of confusion over cholesterol. Robert Bazell reports on how to sort through the conflicting medical advice and maintain good cardiac care.

Today Show

Wednesday, MARCH 17

Dr. Wallace Carter, Director of Emergency Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital provides viewers with some tips on how to separate health fact from fiction.

Today Show

Wednesday, MARCH 17

On TODAY's Health," Dr. Christine Dumas shows off the latest advances being made in toothpaste technology.

Nightly News

Friday, MARCH 19

The government has released new information today about who should be most concerned about the mercury levels in fish.

Nightly News

Monday, MARCH 22

The government is warning doctors who prescribe certain anti-depressants to monitor patients carefully. Do some common medications increase the risk of suicide?

Today Show

Monday, March 29th: Day One

Chief Science Correspondent Robert Bazell will have a report on medical advancements in the colon cancer field -- new medications, new diagnostics, etc.

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . MARCH

Today Show

Tuesday, March 30th: Day Two

TODAY profiles Erin Stennis, an African American woman who lost her husband to colon cancer and now is actively trying to create awareness of the disease, especially in the African American community. Mrs. Stennis has begun the *Stennis Family Foundation* as part of her outreach. This spot will also feature news of what other communities and programs (such as the Dana-Farber Cancer Center at Harvard) are doing to create awareness among minorities since it is one of the highest at-risk groups.

Today Show

Wednesday, March 31st: Day Three

Katie Couric profiles musician/composer Steve Tyrell. This past October, Tyrell lost his wife to colon cancer. In a taped story, Steve performs and talks about the music he performs for his late wife that was part of the last album the two produced together while she was in her hospital room.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE JANUARY

1/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Pam Kane

DRUG ARRESTS

The Blair County Drug Task Force scored a major victory in the war on drugs with the arrest of 44 street or mid-level heroin dealers this morning. It was the culmination of a six-month investigation in tracking the source of heroin in the county. Pam Kane reports.

:51 – Package

Gerald Pappert – Attorney General

1/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Pam Kane

METH LAB / BLAIR COUNTY

While police were answering a call for a protection from abuse violation, they discovered a methamphetamine lab in Blair County. Police say they are beginning to see more such labs in rural areas hiding from detection.

:48 – SOT/VO

Brian Toth – School Superintendent Bellwood Antis

1/22/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

DRUG TESTING

Drug use is an epidemic plaguing this area but one local school district is fighting back. They are first tackling one of the biggest problems: denial. Katie Collett reports.

1:16 – Package

William Allenbaugh – Psychologist

Dr. William Wunder – Superintendent

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE FEBRUARY

2/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

METH LAB RAID

Police in Blair County say they've shut down a methamphetamine lab at a house where the was a two-year old child. The home was just around the corner from an elementary school. Police say use of these drugs and now the manufacturing is a growing problem in Blair County.

:51 – SOT/VO

Trooper David White – State Police

2/11/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

NANTY GLO / DRUG AWARENESS

Parents in Nanty Glo gathered today to learn what they can do about a growing drug problem in that area. They learned warning signs for drug use and how illegal substances affect the rural community.

:54 – SOT/VO

Captain Michael Oyask – Nanty Glo Police

2/19/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

DRUG HOTLINE

Heroin use and other drug problems are on the rise in Bedford County. That's why the District Attorney's office and the police are coordinating a new drug task force.

:39 – SOT/VO

Bill Higgins – District Attorney

2/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

DRUG ADDICTION AND SOLDIERS

A local military veteran says drug addiction is not a new problem. Many soldiers from the Vietnam War are still struggling with addictions they picked up in Vietnam. He thinks the government is not doing enough to help soldiers who come home addicted. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:29 – Package

Lee Walls – Vietnam veteran

2/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

HEROIN RELAPSES

Last year, WJAC aired a groundbreaking program looking at the heroin epidemic in the local area. We profiled three recovering addicts, how they became addicted, and what it took to break the cycle of addiction. Studies suggest that 90 percent of recovering addicts have relapses. The statistic rings true for the addicts on our show; two have relapsed. Mark Allen reports on how difficult it is to stay clean.

3:26 – Package

Mark Sotosky – JMF President

Joel DiPaolo – Former heroin addict

Justin Dello – Former heroin addict

Shane Streets – Former heroin addict

2/24/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DRUG COURT / GRANT

Blair County is resubmitting a federal grant today that would start a diversionary program for their drug court. At the time of arrest, people could be identified as potential drug court clients and see a judge much quicker than the legal system otherwise allows.

:51 – SOT/VO

Judy Rosser – Blair County Drug & Alcohol

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE FEBRUARY

2/24/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

HEROIN IN SCHOOLS

Are you aware that heroin has crept into the schools of West Central Pennsylvania? Natasha McBroom reports on what area school districts and law enforcement agencies are doing to fight heroin in schools.

2:38 – Package

Dr. Dennis Murray – Superintendent, Altoona

Det. Randy Feathers – Blair County Drug Task Force

Dr. Paul Gallagher – Superintendent Hollidaysburg

2/25/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

TREATMENT FUNDING

Heroin addiction is the number one reason people check themselves into rehab centers in Cambria and Blair Counties. But these treatment facilities are facing an uphill battle to get help to those who need it. Mark Allen reports on funding difficulties.

2:30 – Package

Sharon Smith – Lost daughter to heroin

Jim Bracken – Cambria Drug & Alcohol

2/26/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Regina Miller

HEROIN IN SMALL TOWNS

Most people think that heroin addiction is a big-city problem. However, heroin has moved to small towns and rural areas. Regina Miller reports on the new small town high.

2:47 – Package

Dawn Housel – Director of Personal Solutions

Donald McCaulley – Huntingdon Task Force

Heather Dull – Prevention Specialist

Heather Casner – Addictions Counselor

DRUG ABUSE FEBRUARY

Dr. Phil **2/18/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil looks inside the life of a drug addict and learns where teens hide drugs, deal drugs, and use drugs. He gives the early warning signs before it's too late.

Show #: 2112 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE MARCH

3/2/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

DRUG TESTING

Philipsburg Osceola School District is going to use random drug testing to fight student drug abuse. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:12 – Package

Mary Jane Rocco – Parent

Cathy Hayes – School Board

Bob Rocco – Parent

3/9/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

INHALANT ABUSE

A new report shows that one in five adolescents reports having abused inhalants by the time they are in eighth grade. A new campaign is trying to educate kids and parents about the danger of huffing household products.

:45 – SOT/VO

George Rogers, Jr. – University of Louisville

3/9/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAM

Parents in the Claysburg-Kimmel School District attended a lecture tonight on how to spot behavior associated with drug and alcohol use in children. They also were reminded that talking to kids is the best way to prevent abusive behavior.

:51 – SOT/VO

Sherry Gioiosa – Altoona Hospital

3/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

METH CLINIC FIGHT

Supervisors and residents of Antis Township are fighting the construction of a methadone clinic in their area.

:25 – VO

3/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

METH LAB DANGERS

State Police have recently found two meth labs in Altoona; now fire departments and hazmat teams are on alert for more. Not only are they highly explosive, they also contain toxic substances used to produce illegal drugs. One breath of the materials involved could be fatal. Katie Collett reports.

:53 – Package

Chief Renny Santone – Altoona Fire Department

3/11/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natagha McBroom

METH ADDICTIONS

The popularity of methamphetamine began in the Midwest but has been pushing east. Now it's here in Pennsylvania, and officials warn that this drug is worse than all the rest. And meth labs pose tremendous dangers to police officers. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:14 – Package

Dave Gorman – Blair County D.A.

Andrew Petyak – Drug Enforcement Agency

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE MARCH

3/12/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

NEW TECHNOLOGY TO JUST SAY NO

Helping kids to "just say no" to drugs has some new help. It's an educational tool that shows them the science behind addiction. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:40 – Package

Victor Shamas – Image Processing in Education

Jordan Shamas – College student

Deborah Colgern – Childhood expert

3/19/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sara Burget

ENERGY COCKTAIL

Those students on spring break have come up with a dangerous new drinking habit. They are mixing energy drinks like Red Bull with alcohol for a sustaining high. Sara Burget reports.

1:14 – Package

Ben Sirmons – On spring break

Dr. George Shulz – Psychologist

NBC: SUBSTANCE ABUSE . . . MARCH

Dateline

Friday, MARCH 26

Cold tablets and cough medicine. It's a dangerous new drug craze. Kids are using it to get high, but many don't realize abusing it can bring about fatal results. Edie Magnus reports on this alarming new trend.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . JANUARY

1/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

PHONE BILL / BOGUS CHARGES

When it comes to paying your phone bill, do you pay close attention to everything you're getting charged for? There are companies out there who put charges on your phone bill that you don't want and aren't prepared to pay. It has happened in our area. Katie Collett reports.

1:39 – Package

Barry Creany – Deputy Attorney General

Patricia Pasternak – Caught hidden fees

1/6/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

LAPTOP PROTECTION

The laptop computer provides a great deal of convenience and to opportunity for many to continue accomplishing tasks while away from home or office. Protecting your laptop should be a priority. Ryan Leckey explains how you can do it.

2:10 – Package

Uzi Hardoon – Laptop owner

Kalpana Ettenson – PC World

Peter Hortensius – VP Products & Offerings

1/8/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

FAST FOOD MENUS

Some of the biggest diet fads ever are forcing restaurants to change their menus to keep up with the needs of their customers. Katie Collett reports.

1:33 – Package

Scott Britten – Atkins follower

Colette Heimowitz – Atkins expert

Bridget Schubert – Tops Diner

Eileen Fiorina – Nutritionist

1/8/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

LOWER YOUR HEAT BILL

As temperatures drop, your heating bills may go through the roof. But there are some easy ways to keep your energy costs down. Katie Collett reports.

:51 – Package

Maj. Robert Carney – Salvation Army

1/8/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSHES

The big toothbrush debate use to be "side to side" or "up and down." But with the latest electric toothbrushes, choices are more complicated than ever. Becky Thompson reports on what you get with less expensive electric toothbrushes.

1:19 – Package

David Helm – Consumer Reports

1/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

PHONE SCAM

A phone scam is taking local businesses for about \$32 per month by soliciting information about the business over the phone and then setting up unauthorized websites for the businesses. Katie Collett reports on how it happened and how difficult it is to get your money back.

1:25 – Package

Annette Lutz – Phone Scam Victim

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . JANUARY

1/15/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Bob Bruce

HELMETS ON SLOPES

Thousands of people suffer head injuries on the slopes every year. Consumer Reports says that it is a good idea for anyone who skis or snowboards to wear a good helmet. Bob Bruce reports on some helmets that were tested.

1:10 – Package

Maurice Wynn – Consumer Reports

1/15/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

COMPUTER VIRUS / NEW ONES POPPING UP

An e-mail that suggests you update your Microsoft software is really a "Trojan horse" virus. Even though it says it's from Microsoft, you shouldn't trust it.

:47 – SOT/VO

Robin Matlock – Network Associates

1/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

LANDLORD GAS BILLS

Landlords and apartment buildings that provide gas for their tenants are feeling the heat when it comes to heating bills. They say that with prices of natural gas being so high, soon tenants may have to pay their own heat. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:10 – Package

Michele Fleming – Hollidaysburg Manor

1/16/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Dan Skalski

COLD AND BATTERIES

From cars to cell phones to laptop computers, batteries are a part of our daily routine. When temperatures tumble, batteries suffer. What can you do? Dan Skalski reports.

1:08 – Package

1/20/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PHONE BILL SCAM

After we reported on a scam involving a local contracting company and their phone bill, more companies called to say a phony charge was on their bill as well. How do you file a complaint?

:43 – VO

Molly Haas – Mother

1/26/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

KEEPING YOUR HOME WARM

Electricity and gas usage are at all-time highs, as people struggle to keep their homes warm. How can you reduce your heating bill? Mark Allen reports.

:57 – Package

Ed Brandau – Penelec Customer Service

1/29/04, 11 PM, Thursday Ryan Leckey

EMISSIONS INSPECTION

The cost to make your vehicle meet state requirements is going up starting Monday, February 2nd. You will pay an extra twenty to thirty dollars for emissions inspection. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:30 – Package

Chris Deyarmin – Deyarmin's Auto Service

Dale Shunk – Johnstown

Kyle Cannon – Johnstown

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . JANUARY

1/29/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

LEAKY ROOF

If your roof is over 10 or 15 years old, it was probably constructed before contractors started installing snow and ice shields. For you, this heavy snowfall may be creating a leaky roof problem. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:10 – Package

Sonja Cable – Living with leaks

George Davis – Dorer's Construction

1/29/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

MYDOOM VIRUS

Computer experts say the mydoom virus is more complex and covert than any previous computer worm. But you can protect your computer.

:55 – SOT/VO

Brian Dunphy – Computer security expert

1/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

DISH NETWORK / LOCAL CHANNELS

Local channels are now available for customers who subscribe to Dish Network. That could mean savings for some.

:35 – SOT/VO

Paul Wittmann – Dish Network Spokesman

1/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Regina Miller

STATE SUES LANDLORD

The State College Sun Corporation is being accused by the State of Pennsylvania of failing to return security deposits to renters. The Attorney General says the rip-off is happening to young student renters. Regina Miller reports.

:51 – Package

Jerry Pappert – PA Attorney General

1/30/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

COUPON FRAUD

Counterfeit coupons are circulating on the internet and they're costing manufacturers and consumers big money.

:42 – SOT/VO

David Heylen – Grocers Association

NBC – CONSUMER ISSUE S JANUARY

Nightly News

Monday, January 12

George Lewis will look at the ubiquitous stuff called **SPAM** that shows up with regularity on our computers at work and at home. Is there a way to stop it? What about the new law President Bush signed into law ten days ago, the cleverly named "CAN SPAM ACT"? And how much of the SPAM that shows up in your computer is legitimate and how much of it is fraudulent? A Federal Trade Commission expert will tell us.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . FEBRUARY

2/2/04, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

FUNNY MONEY

There's a warning tonight to be on the lookout for counterfeit money. Two Johnstown men were arrested Saturday in Blair County for passing fake \$20 bills.

:47 – SOT/VO

Chief James Ott – Duncansville Police Dept.

2/2/04, 5 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

VIDEO GAME VIOLENCE?

If video games are too violent for your taste now, what does the future hold? Regina Miller reports that a Penn State professor says they are likely to get much less violent as technology improves.

:54 – Package

Magy Seifel-Nasr – Penn State Researcher

2/5/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Julie Vallese

CRASH TESTS / REAL WORLD

Crash tests and ratings by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has been the best way to measure how well a vehicle will protect drivers in high-speed crashes. But how well do the ratings hold up in the real world? Julie Vallese reports.

1:23 – Package

Adrian Lund – Institute for Highway Safety

2/10/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

REMODELING COSTS

Most home improvement projects take a lot of time and money. How can you be sure you're getting the most for your money? Ryan Leckey reports.

2:05 – Package

Barbara Besteni – Homeowner

Dr. Chris White – Research Chemist

2/11/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SALT SHORTAGE

If you're looking for salt for your sidewalk or driveway, it may not be too easy to find. Many stores are "sold out" and not planning to order more.

:34 – SOT/VO

Mike Nagy – Lowes Assistant Store Manager

2/11/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

EMAIL GOODBYES

A somewhat odd product is for sale that thousands of people have signed up for. It allows you to compose e-mail goodbyes to your loved ones in case the unthinkable happens.

2:23 – Package

Beverly Bright – Sending final e-mail

Jonathan Yeo – Lastwishes.com

Brandy Shacklette – Sending final e-mail

Dr. Eva Ritvo – Psychiatrist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . FEBRUARY

2/12/04, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

NEW CAR CONTRACTS

Consumer advocates are warning that it is more important than ever to read the contract carefully when you buy a new car. Arbitration clauses are the new problem. Mark Allen reports on why.

2:43 – Package

Tiffany White – Bought a car

Remar Sutton – Consumer Advocate

Marianne McInerney – American International Auto Dealers

Edward Anderson – National Arbitration Forum

Bob Kurilko – Edwards.com VP

2/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

BEER SALES AT SHEETZ

Should your local convenience store sell beer? The Sheetz Corporation wants to do that at its new convenience restaurant, but some community members are against it. Pam Kane reports.

:54 – Package

Steve Sheetz – Sheetz Inc.

2/19/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

CLEANING WHITE

White is a favorite color for living room carpets, upholstery, and tablecloths. But it can be tough keeping everything stain-free. Becky Thompson has some advice.

1:11 – Package

Rita Lyons – Interior decorator

Pat Slave – Consumer Reports

2/20/04, 5 PM, Friday Brigitte Langmade

GAS PRICE HIKE

You may have noticed that gas prices are on the rise. But experts say that you haven't seen anything yet. Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:00 – Package

2/20/04, 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

GAS HIKE RESPONSE

One Cambria County man is questioning why all gas prices aren't the same, even at the same retailer. He's asking lawmakers and even the President.

1:02 – SOT/VO

Bob Kish – Tired of gas prices

2/26/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

ELECTRIC GRILLS

Grilling this time of year is usually on an electric grill. Which ones work the best? Becky Thompson reports.

1:25 – Package

NBC – CONSUMER ISSUE S FEBRUARY

Nightly News

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 18

After years of super-sizing, some companies are responding to weight-conscious consumers and slimming down their portions. How are other consumers responding to the lowered values?

Dateline

Friday, FEBRUARY 27

In a Dateline consumer alert, chief consumer correspondent Lea Thompson reports the results of the latest crash tests done by The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. This time around, the institute performed four crash tests on six mid-size 2004 cars to look at how bumpers perform in the real world.

The bumper tests are: -- a front and rear into to a flat barrier.

-- a rear into pole crash test.

-- and a front corner into an angle barrier.

The following cars will be tested during this report:

Mitsubishi Galant

Suzuki Verona

Nissan Maxima

Acura TL

Chevrolet Malibu

Acura TSX

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . MARCH

3/1/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Regina Miller

SMART CARDS

Sometime when we go to the store, we buy more than we need or spend more than we can afford. But new technology, the "smart card," could help you keep your spending in check. Regina Miller reports.

1:40 – Package

Althea Paul – Shopper

Carl Gunter – Computer scientist

3/1/04, 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

CELL PHONE QUALITY

Many people are now considering going wireless because of the great deals on cell phones these days. But cell phones don't offer the quality of reception that landline phones do. New technology called docking is changing that. Ryan Leckey reports.

2:38 – Package

Carl Lopp – Dock-N-Talk

Paul Rodman – Cell Socket

Rachel Bard – Docks her cell

Joni Bletcher – Cell phone diva

3/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

NO MORE SUPERSIZING

McDonald's says they are phasing out their super-sized menu. It's a decision that has been in the works since 2002. Sophia Wharton reports on what consumers think about the change.

1:21 – Package

Robert Davies – Johnstown

Pamela McDonald – Former employee

James Miller – Johnstown

3/4/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Carberg

INTERNET PHONES

Wouldn't it be great if you could make all your home phone calls using your computer line. Can you get the same quality as land lines? Lisa Carberg reports.

2:07 – Package

Bob Devol – Uses internet phone

Ravi Sakaria - Voicepulse

3/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

GAS PRICES HIGH

Gas prices are continuing to rise; they are now approaching an all-time high, just three cents short of last summer's all time high.

:24 – VO

3/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Pam Kane

GAS CAP TESTS

It use to cost around \$15 to get your car inspected. Now that cost has jumped to as much as \$60, depending on where you go, thanks to the new gas cap emissions test. Garages across the state are charging different fees and some are charging that price gouging is going on. Pam Kane reports.

1:10 – Package

Rick Geist – (R) 79th District

Suzanne Shannon – Shannon's Garage

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . MARCH

3/5/04, 5/11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

GAS PRICES / HOW HIGH WILL THEY GO?

Gas prices are sky-rocketing. Why do they just keep going up? Katie Collett reports.

1:00 – Package

Justin McNaull – AAA

3/8/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

EMAIL PROBLEMS

The next time someone doesn't reply to one of your emails, don't take it personally. The chances are good that the message never arrived. Sophia Wharton explains the problems with email.

2:13 – Package

Fred Langa – Information Week

Amit Asaravala – Spamotomy

3/9/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

HOME OWNER INSURANCE / PREMIUMS GOING UP

Due to increased claims from hurricanes, tornados, hail, and other weather related problems, homeowners will see their insurance premiums go up about 9 per cent this year.

:55 – SOT/VO

Jeanne Salvatore – Insurance Info Institute

3/10/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

DISH DROPS !! CHANNELS

Viacom and Echostar are battling over programming prices. As a result, Dish Network has dropped Viacom-owned channels. So you may not be able to watch MTV, CBS, and Nickelodian in your home.

:50 – SOT/VO

Mary Ann Moore – M.A.M. Enterprises

3/11/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

DEBIT CARDS / NEXT GENERATION

Earning free trips and shopping sprees when you use your credit cards is not unusual. But what if you could do that with debit cards? Changes are coming in the way we use plastic. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:19 – Package

Greg McBride – Bankrate.com

Lanny Byers – Mastercard

Rob Drozdowski – America's Comm. Bank

3/11/04, 5/6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

HOME OWNERS FUND

The Cambria Community Development Corporation has a number of programs to assist first-time home buyers and they are applying for state money to keep the programs going.

:47 – SOT/VO

Larry Custer – Community Development

3/16/04, 5/6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

HEATING BILLS

Paying your winter heating bills can really leave you cold. Natural gas prices continue to climb. How can you keep your bill down and where can you get help? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:28 – Package

Pauline Payak – Johnstown

Sonny Popowski – Consumer advocate, PA

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . MARCH

3/16/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

NATURAL GAS PRICES / GETTING HIGHER

Consumer advocates from the Attorney General's office say that natural gas prices could stay high for a while.

:50 - SOT/VO

Sonny Popowski - Consumer advocate, PA

3/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BLAIR COUNTY CODES CLASS

A new universal construction code could cost fifteen to twenty percent more for people looking to build a new home or renovate. Some fear that people on fixed incomes won't be able to afford to do anything with their homes.

:50 - SOT/VO

Dave Buskirk - Instructor and inspector

3/18/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Regina Miller

ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE

Electronic technology has gone a long way toward improving our lives. But sometimes those devices interfere with each other. Scientists are working on solutions. Regina Miller reports.

1:36 - Package

Ron Gilenbach - University of Michigan

Bill Dorland - Assistant of Physics

3/24/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

BUILDING YOUR OWN GYM

If you can't find time to go to the gym or you can't afford to buy expensive equipment, you can use things around your house to make your own home gym. Sara Burget reports.

1:24 - Package

Sabrena Newton - Personal trainer

3/25/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

CABLE PRICES

How much are you paying for cable and are you paying for stations you don't watch? Washington is getting involved in checking out the prices and choices. Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:46 - Package

Reggie McBee - Cable subscriber

Sen. John McCain - Commerce Committee

George Bodenheimer - ESPN Incorporated

3/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

GAS PRICES

How far are you willing to travel to save a few cents on a gallon of gas? It's something many are pondering as the price of a gallon goes higher and higher. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:03 - Package

Beverly Pomroy - Convenience Store Owner

Ann Steltzer - Boswell

Fred Perian - Jackson, MS

NBC – CONSUMER ISSUE S MARCH

Nightly News

Wednesday, MARCH 3

NBC News looks at putting an end to supersizing. McDonalds has made a controversial decision to stop offering the popular oversized portion. Are most fast food chains likely to follow suit?

Nightly News

Thursday, MARCH 4

The cost of gasoline is soaring. The price at the pump is likely to set a record high this month. Is anything being done to lower the cost and what is expected for the summer driving season?

Nightly News

Friday, MARCH 5

The face of how America flies is changing. Robert Hager reports on how the rising popularity of low-cost airlines like Jet Blue may change the way you travel.

Today Show

Monday - Friday, MARCH 15 - 19

In the daily segment, "TODAY's Travel," contributor Peter Greenberg has a week-long series based on the findings from his new book "*Hotel Secrets from The Travel Detective*." He gives insider tips on getting the best value, service, and security in accommodations from bed-and-breakfasts to five-star resorts.

Dateline

Sunday, MARCH 21

Chief consumer correspondent Lea Thompson will report on the latest round of crash tests from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. This time around the institute tests six midsize cars in front end crashes at 40-miles per hour.

The following cars are being tested:

2004 NISSAN MAXIMA

ACURA T-S-X

2004 MITSUBISHI GALANT

NEW ACURA T-L

2004 CHEVROLET MALIBU

2004 SUZUKI VERONA

Nightly News

Thursday, MARCH 25

What you pay at the pump is at an all-time high. What accounts for the exorbitant gas prices and why do they vary so much from state to state?

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: ELECTION ISSUES . . .JANUARY

1/5/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SHUSTER CHALLENGER

Democrats in the 9th Congressional District are recruiting candidate to run against Bill Shuster. Scott Conklin, the Centre County Commissioner is the leading potential challenger. But he says his first priority in the Commissioner's office.

:54 - SOT/VO

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

1/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SPECTER CAMPAIGN

Fending off accusations that he's too liberal, Sen. Arlen Specter is claiming his seniority will be a big benefit in landing federal funding. He also says homeland security is his top priority.

:48 - SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter - (R) Pennsylvania

1/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

WRIGHT ACCUSED OF LYING

Blair County Commissioner John Eichelberger says that Barry Wright lied during his campaign when he said he wouldn't accept a pay raise as a commissioner. Today, Wright accepted his check with a 3% increase in it.

:33 - VO

1/14/04, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

WOZNIAK VS SUNDAY

Johnstown businessman Norm Sunday is considering running against State Senator John Wozniak who is seeking a third term. Sunday is a former township supervisor in Centre County and says creating jobs is the biggest issue in this area.

:46 - SOT/VO

Norm Sunday - Running for State Senate

1/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

YOUNG VOTERS

Democrat John Kerry attributes his win in Iowa largely to the turnout of young college-age voters. Yet statistics here show that young people still have poor attendance at the polls. Regina Miller reports on how to get the young voters out.

1:21 - Package

Takkeem Morgan - USG Vice President

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: ELECTION ISSUES . . .FEBRUARY

2/9/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Congressman Bill Shuster is defending his campaign contributions, the majority of which come from outside his district.

:45 – SOT/VO

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

2/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

DELGROSSO ENDORSEMENT

Altoona's mayor and a city councilman are endorsing Congressional candidate Michael Delgrosso, saying that it's time for a change. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:07 – Package

Tom Martin – Altoona Mayor

Brent Fisher – Altoona City Councilman

2/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

NEW VOTER REGISTRY

If you're a first-time voter in Pennsylvania this year, you'll need some added identification when you head to the polls. That's one of the new changes in the new electronic voter registration system, changes that are drawing political criticism. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Joyce McKinley – Centre County Election Director

2/18/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TOOMEY CAMPAIGN

Congressman Pat Toomey believes that Arlen Specter is too liberal to provide the mainstream Republican view that voters need.

:49 – SOT/VO

Rep. Pat Toomey – (R) 15th District

2/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

SHUSTER KICKOFF

One day after his opponent received a political endorsement, Congressman Bill Shuster kicked off his campaign for re-election. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:30 – Package

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

Steve Clark – Radio Host

2/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

BALLOT CHALLENGE

Republican Kerry Benninghoff faces a legal challenge about whether his name will appear on the Spring Primary ballot. The challenge to his nominating petition has not been specified but probably involves a technicality.

:36 – VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: ELECTIONS ISSUES . . .MARCH

3/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

VOTER REGISTRATION / WORKING OUT KINKS

A new voter registration system is being installed by the state that could eliminate problems like voting in more than one county. The only problem is it hasn't been tested in a major election.

:44 – SOT/VO

Fred Smith – Election Office

3/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

NATIONAL PRIMARY

With today's "Super Tuesday" races, the presidential primary contest may be over before Pennsylvanians even have a say. Gov. Ed Rendell has proposed moving the primary to an earlier date or having a national primary. We asked a prominent Democrat for his opinion.

:39 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

3/3/04, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

STUDENT VOTERS / EDUCATION PROGRAM

Governor Ed Rendell introduced a new program to schools today that teaches students about the importance of voting. So Katie Collett talked to young adults to get their take on going to the polls.

1:13 – Package

James Swanson – 23 Year old

Amy Collier – 18 Year old

Stephanie Collier – 19 Year old

3/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

VOTING SITES

Voters across the state will head to the polls next month for the primary election. But some of you may find yourselves voting some place new. Increased school security is making it a hassle to have a precinct use a school building.

:40 – SOT/VO

Barbara Parkeins – Superintendent

3/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

RUNNING FOR AUDITOR GENERAL

Joe Peters of Scranton announced today that he is seeking the job of Pennsylvania Auditor General. He says he can be that independent watchdog needed to make sure funds go where they are suppose to.

:55 – SOT/VO

Joe Peter – PA Auditor General candidate

3/12/04, 11 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

PAPERWORK

State representatives Kerry Benninghoff and Bob Bastian will both appear next week in Commonwealth Court to face challenges to signatures on their nominating petitions and questions about their financial information.

:30 – VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: ELECTIONS ISSUES. . .MARCH

3/12/04, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

ECONOMIC FORUM

Congressman Joe Hoeffel, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, held a public forum today to address issues important to this area. In particular, he spoke of the need for funding for bridge and road improvement.

:52 – SOT/VO

Cong. Joe Hoeffel – Running for Senate

3/15/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

OFF BALLOT

A Commonwealth court judge has ruled that Republican State Representative Bob Bastian's name is to be removed from the April 27th primary ballot.

:29 – VO

3/18/04, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BALLOT QUESTION

Representative Kerry Benninghoff is still waiting to hear if his name will stay on next month's primary election ballot after a challenge to his nominating petition.

:26 – VO

3/22/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

WRITE IN CAMPAIGN

Local incumbent lawmaker Bob Bastian says he didn't include salary information in his nominating petition because it was already in his financial disclosure document he submitted. But instead of challenging a judge's ruling that keeps him off the ballot, he will run a write-in campaign.

:52 – SOT/VO

Rep. Bob Bastian – (R) 69th District

3/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

NAME IS OUT

Centre County Republican Kerry Benninghoff is off the April primary ballot because Commonwealth Court has ruled that he did not properly fill out the financial disclosure forms.

:30 – VO

3/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SPEAKER VISIT

The Speaker of the House was in our area today, trying to help a fellow Republican trying to win re-election. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:26 – Package

Rep. Dennis Hastert – Speaker of the House

3/25/04, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

WRITE IN CAMPAIGN

After his name was taken off the ballot, Rep. Kerry Benninghoff is vowing that he will still be re-elected. He will go to a ballot sticker campaign.

:44 – SOT/VO

Kerry Benninghoff – State Rep. 171st District

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: ELECTIONS ISSUES . . .MARCH

3/25/04, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

POLITICAL ADS

Why are the political ads running so much already? Why are they heating up the race with negative messages? The answer is because Pennsylvania is considered a "swing" state in this presidential election.

1:09 - SOT/VO

Wayne Hoyt - Gallitzin

Ray Wrabley - UPJ Professor

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: TAXES . . .JANUARY

1/7/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

STATE CIGARETTE TAX

The price of a carton of cigarettes just went up to the tune of 35 cents. The funds from the increase will help pay for medical malpractice insurance for Pennsylvania doctors. However, it is only a short-term fix for this year. Mark Allen reports.

1:30 – Package

Dr. J. Michael Moses – Orthopedic Surgeon

1/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

LAYOFFS AND TAXES – CAMBRIA COUNTY

Could another tax increase be on the way for Cambria County residents right after the former commissioners just raised taxes? The new board of Commissioners is considering it, and they have also approved widespread layoffs of county workers. Mark Allen reports.

1:18 – Package

P.J. Stevens – Cambria County Commissioner

1/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

MONEY FOR RAILROADER'S MUSEUM

The Railroaders Museum in Altoona is in financial trouble and are requesting help from Blair County's Hotel Tax. Unfortunately, that money is already promised to other organizations. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:19 – Package

Scott Cessna – Railroaders Museum

Donna Gority – Blair County Commissioner

1/13/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

BLAIR COUNTY TAX BILLS

Tax bills in Blair County are being sent directly to property owners this year. That is because too many taxpayers are not getting their taxes in on time.

:53 – SOT/VO

Barry Wright – Blair County Commissioner

1/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HOTEL TAX FUNDS

Who should get the funds from a Blair County tax on hotels? They were promised to the Allegheny Mountains Convention and Visitors Bureau. Now the Altoona Railroaders Museum wants a share along with some other organizations that are speaking out.

1:02 – SOT/VO

Donna Gority – Blair County Commissioner

1/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BED TAX / RAILROADERS MUSEUM

Blair County Commissioners say they do not know if it is legal to give any money from the Hotel Bed Tax to the Railroaders Museum. The Allegheny Mountain Convention and Visitors Bureau is already receiving one percent of that tax to promote attractions like the museum.

:49 – SOT/VO

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: TAXES . . . JANUARY

1/21/04, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

PERMANENT TAX CUTS

President Bush has asked Congress to make some of those temporary tax cuts permanent. But the question on the minds of many in our area is, "Who will it benefit?" Natasha McBroom reports.

1:31 – Package

Stu Duncan – Accountant

Guy Landolf – Accountant

1/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TAX CHECK FOR CANCER

The Breast Cancer Coalition Tax Checkoff organizers are asking Pennsylvanians to donate part of their State income tax refund to help fight breast cancer.

:50 – SOT/VO

Ann Ward – Cancer Director

1/23/04, 5: / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

ANOTHER TAX INCREASE

The Cambria County Commissioners have gotten the go-ahead for a tax increase of 5 mills on top of the 4.5 mills just passed last Fall. Mark Allen reports on what this means for homeowners.

1:32 – Package

Judge Gerard Long – Cambria County

P.J. Stevens – Cambria County Commissioner

Bill Harris – Cambria County Commissioner

1/26/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

REASSESSMENT

There is talk of reassessment for county property taxes in Blair County. It hasn't been done since 1958, and it could mean a big change for taxpayers.

:47 – SOT/VO

Brent Fisher – Altoona City Council Member

1/27/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

REASSESSMENT COSTS

The main reason that Blair County has not done property value reassessment since 1958 is the cost. But some say that why spend that money when Pennsylvania is calling for tax reform to shift the burden away from property owners to a possible sales tax. Natasha McBroom reports on the debate.

1:16 – Package

Brent Fisher – Altoona City Council Member

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: TAXES . . .FEBRUARY

2/5/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SHADE / PER CAPITA TAX DROPPED

Shade Township officials held a meeting tonight to discuss dropping the per capita tax.

:27 – SOT/VO

John Topka – Shade Supervisor

2/10/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

TAX GRIPES / HUNTINGDON

Penn Township supervisors in Huntingdon County are trying to enforce a five percent amusement tax to help with the township expenses. But those who use Raystown Lake are not happy.

:38 – SOT/VO

Vic John – Raystown Striper Club

2/10/04, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

TAX ASSESSMENT IN ALTOONA

A Blair County judge ruled that the city of Altoona can maintain its tax assessment of 27.5 mills. Anytime the tax is beyond 25 mills, an explanation must be presented to a judge. Altoona already expects a 1.6 million dollar deficit by the end of this year. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:05 – Package

Joseph Weakland – Altoona City Manager

2/19/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SALES TAX CHANGE?

State lawmakers are considering lowering the state sales tax, but expanding it to include more items.

:50 – Sot/VO

Kerry Benninghoff – State Rep. 171st District

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: TAXES . . .MARCH

3/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Pam Kane

TAX CHANGES

April 15th is only a month away, and some people have still not filed their taxes. Pam Kane reports on changes this year on the tax form that you need to watch for.

1:18 – Package

Dave Scott – Accountant

3/15/04, 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

LOWER INTEREST PAYMENTS

Taxes have gone up drastically in Cambria County this year. But the sacrifice this year by residents may result in better spending practices in the future. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:08 – Package

P.J. Stevens – Cambria County Commissioner

Barbara Kline – Cambria County Treasurer

3/17/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ALLOCATING THE BED TAX

The Railroader's Museum requested a small percentage of the Bedford County bed tax, but commissioners have already promised it to the Allegheny Mountain Convention Center. Now a meeting of all the parties involved needs to hash out the problem.

:53 – SOT/VO

Scott Cessna – Railroader's Museum

3/26/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

TAX SHIFTING

There has been a lot of talk about reducing property taxes in Pennsylvania. Gov. Ed Rendell supports it, but one area lawmaker says tax shifting isn't as easy as some would like to think.

:39 – Package

Sen. Joe Scarnati – (R) 24th District

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: BUDGETARY PROBLEMS & OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUES . . .JANUARY

1/5/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CLEARFIELD COUNTY / NEW COMMISSIONERS

As a new board of Commissioners took office in Clearfield County, they pointed to economic development as their primary goal. They say the first step toward that goal is to patch up the separation with the North Central Planning and Development Commission.

:35 - SOT/VO

Mark McCracken - Clearfield Commissioner

1/6/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

LOOKING FOR HELP

Cambria County Commissioners are asking a consultant from the Department of Community and Economic Development to offer free financial advice to them in handling county business.

:37 - SOT/VO

P.J. Stevens - Cambria County Commissioner

1/6/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

MURATA CLOSE

As the Centre County Commissioners began their new jobs this week, the Murata Plant announced that nearly 500 people would be losing their jobs. Today, the commissioners responded to the news. Regina Miller reports.

1:29 - Package

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

1/6/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

House Representative Dave Reed introduced a bill today that he says will allow companies to use their own tax liability funds to train in-house employees to help create or retain manufacturing jobs in the future.

:48 - SOT/VO

Rep. Dave Reed - (R) 62nd District

1/7/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BUILDING CODES / UNIFORM

Attorney General Mike Fisher just approved the uniform construction code for building standards across the state of Pennsylvania. Officials say it will improve market values of homes and make the job of contractors easier.

:39 - SOT/VO

Nick Bailey - Building Code Official

1/7/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TIME RUNNING OUT

Time is running out for Bill Foor who agreed to put his neon "Jesus Is Lord" sign under windows to meet zoning ordinances. He is having difficulty getting the windows made.

:29 - VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: BUDGETARY PROBLEMS & OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUES . . . JANUARY

1/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

District Attorney Ray Gricar announced today that he will be retiring at the end of his current term. However, he still has two years left on that term, so the question is, "Why is he making that announcement now?" Does it have anything to do with the controversial Pfeffer case? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:00 – Package

Ray Gricar – Centre County D.A.

1/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Security is an issue at the top of everyone's list of concerns these days. Because of the type of work that goes on at the county courthouse in Bedford, security in and out of the building is imperative. A team of experts is assessing what is done and what is needed five regional courthouses.

:46 – SOT/VO

Michael Reighard – Blair County Administrator

1/9/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

NEW WARDEN

Cambria County Prison Warden Marty Kovacs lost his job today. The Prison Board said he was doing a good job, but felt it was in the best interest of the citizens of the county to go in a different direction.

:40 – SOT/VO

Martin Kovacs – Former warden

1/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

RACE CHARGE

An area District Attorney asked a judge to reconsider his ruling that race was involved in the handling of a drunk driving offender. The offender was not permitted to enroll in an ARD program. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:10 – Package

Karen Muir – Defendant's attorney

1/12/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

JOHNSTOWN LIBRARY / CUTTING HOURS

With a 40 percent cut in state funds, the Cambria County Library will be making a significant reduction in its hours and programs, starting in February.

:41 – Package

Lyn Meek – Library Director

1/13/04, 5 / 6 / PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CAMBRIA COUNTY / MONEY TALKS

The Cambria County Human Services Department invited residents and agencies to discuss what to do with funding from the State.

:41 – SOT/VO

Cindy McLaughlin – Human Services

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: BUDGETARY PROBLEMS & OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUES . . . JANUARY

1/13/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

CONSOLIDATION

A meeting was held today to inform residents of 3 boroughs and 2 townships of a possible consolidation plan. While some say it will bring tax relief to thousands, others say it will only cause chaos. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:56 - Package

Steve Coy - Study Committee

Rose Hummel - Opposed to consolidation

Richard Uzelac - Supports consolidation

Bonnie Gustkey - Undecided

1/13/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

NASCAR TRACK

Centre County got a financial windfall this week when those in charge of a baseball sports complex decided to drop the project and return the county funds. Now some are saying those funds could be used to build a Nascar track and attract tourism dollars. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:03 - Package

Steve Derslem - Centre County Commissioner

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

Betsy Howell - Centre County Tourism

1/13/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

RELIGIOUS SIGN CONFLICT

After being told to either put windows over his religious sign or tear it down, Bob Foor began construction of windows today.

:21 - VO

1/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

JUDGE REVERSES RULING

Centre County Judge Thomas Kistler has reversed his ruling that race was a factor in D.A. Ray Gricar's decision to deny a black defendant charged with DUI entry into an ARD program.

:33

VO

1/14/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SERRANO HEARING

Two bar bouncers face a preliminary hearing tomorrow in the death of Penn State student Peter Serrano. He died choking on his own vomit after a scuffle with the bouncers. The question is whether the bouncers were too aggressive.

:53 - SOT/VO

Ray Gricar - Centre County District Attorney

1/14/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

BEDFORD BUDGET

The Bedford Borough Council has made close to \$75,000 in cuts to their budget and booster revenues by nearly \$18,000 in an attempt to deal with a financial crunch. Police hours may be affected. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:19 - Package

Chief Reichel Derfer - Bedford Police

John Montgomery - Borough Manager

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: BUDGETARY PROBLEMS & OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUES . . .JANUARY

1/15/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ONE STOP SHOP

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has opened its first One Stop Shop. It's a store where you can purchase both liquor and groceries.

:50 - SOT/VO

Ed Rendell - Governor

1/15/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PA PRIMARY DATE

Gov. Ed Rendell says he'll submit legislation next year to make Pennsylvania's Primary Election one of the earliest in the nation.

:26 - VO

1/16/04, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

GAMING IN PA / SLOT MACHINES

Governor Ed Rendell is still vowing quick passage of legislation that would allow for slot machines across the state. This was said despite the fact that the bill was delayed last year by his own party.

1:07 - SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman - (R) 34th District

1/19/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

CENTRE COUNTY STAFF CHANGES

Sudden personnel changes made by the new board of Centre County Commissioners have county workers on edge. The new Republican majority on the board has fired some long-time staffers and moved others to new positions.

:37 - SOT/VO

Steve Dershem - Centre County Commissioner

1/20/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PERSONNEL CONTROVERSY

The Centre County Commissioners say that during the campaign, they became aware that Chief Tax Assessor Budd Henry was running a private business on county time. They say that's why they fired him.

:49 - SOT/VO

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

1/20/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

STATE OF UNION SPEECH

All eyes will be on the President tonight as he addresses the nation in his annual State Of The Union speech. PA Senator Rick Santorum is hoping the president will address some moral values that are important to all Americans.

:52 - SOT/VO

Sen. Rick Santorum - (R) Pennsylvania

1/20/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

IMPORTANT ISSUES

What are people in this area hoping to hear from the President tonight? Ryan Leckey reports.

:30 - Package

David Bowers - Johnstown

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: BUDGETARY PROBLEMS & OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUES . . . JANUARY

1/20/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

SPEECH REACTION

The nation has heard what the President had to say tonight. Katie Collett reports on local reaction.

:52 – Package

Jim DiFrancesco – Democrat

Robert Davis Gleason – Republican

1/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

MEMORIAL WALL ERECTED

A wall containing the names of soldiers who have died in Iraq was placed in downtown State College today as a memorial and a protest. Its creators say it's a bitter reminder of what we have lost.

:47 – SOT/VO

Sacha Brown – Memorial Co-creator

1/21/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

MAD COW LEGISLATION

To help keep mad cow disease from ever becoming a major problem in the U.S., Sen. Arlen Specter has introduced the National Farm Animal Identification and Records Act.

:30 – VO

1/21/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

STATE OF OUR UNION

One local group in our area is reacting negatively to the President's State of the Union Address. The Citizens for Social Responsibility say they want to preserve our union. Mark Allen reports.

1:46 – Package

Rick Lehman – Concerned citizen

Dan Kane – UMWA District 2

1/21/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PROTECTING TRAVELLERS

A Pennsylvania lawmaker has introduced new legislation to protect hotel guests. The new bill would require all lodging facilities to do background checks on potential employees who would have access to rooms.

:45 – SOT/VO

Tom Stevenson – (R) 43rd District

1/21/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ABORTION PROTEST

Many in the area are preparing to march tomorrow in protest of abortion. A prayer service was held in preparation of tomorrow's trip to Washington, D.C. to support the Pro-life movement.

:46 – SOT/VO

Thomas Forr – Pro-life activist